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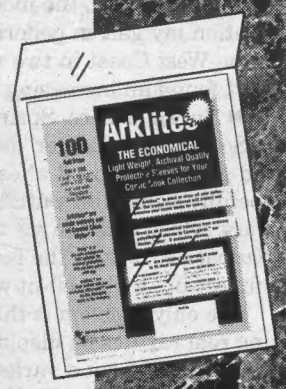

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George Pérez will premiere the first issue of his creator-owned series *Crimson Plague* at this year's Heroes Con June 13-15 in Charlotte, N.C. Convention organizer Shelton Drum arranged this week's exclusive cover and provided all sorts of information on his show, which we have beginning on Page 30. Other independent comics articles include a look at *Taoland, Razor, Stryke, Tommi Gunn,* and *The Waiting Place.*

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Editorial

By Maggie Thompson

➽ Health update: The Bell's Palsy (see ***CBG*** #1221) has all but departed — which I much appreciate, considering that I'll be attending Pro/Con and WonderCon before the end of the month. On the other hand, April 3 I happily dashed down the stairs to head to work — only to miss the last step and sprawl, cursing, on the front hall floor. As the waves of pain became slowly more bearable and I rocked back and forth going, "Owow-owowow!" I thought of Pro/Con and WonderCon and prayed nothing was broken.

Three foot X-rays later (how convenient that I'd had a doctor's appointment April 3 to bid a farewell to the palsy), I was told that I *probably* hadn't broken anything but needed to spend two days with icepacks and ibuprofin. Again (see ***CBG*** #1221): just a major annoyance for a while — but it would be a pleasure to get past the nuisance. Meanwhile, it was certainly an interesting preview of potential Old Age to Come: loss of muscle control (the palsy) and hobbling about. Joyce told me I had progressed from hobbling to limping. Hot dog.

["I'm a little stiff from unexpected falls." "Unexpected Falls, New-braska?" Ah, *Pogo*.]

Then, April 9, I was called from the midst of a great meeting with Gary Reed, Jim and Joe Pruett, and Scott Martyniuk (all of Caliber, all of whom had driven to the wilds of Wisonsin to hang around with us a bit and see the wonders of Krause Publications in its 45th year) to go to the doctor's office. Seems that the radiologist who took a look at the X-rays determined that a piece of my foot *had* been broken, after all — and I would need to have my foot in a cast for four to eight weeks.

Gee, as the saying goes, whiz.

Or holy moly.

(*Didja know?* Moly is an herb that Hermes gave Odysseus to protect him against Circe's spells.)

I've never had a broken bone in my life till now (though my son Stephen worked his way through major injuries to various portions of his anatomy through the years), so I'm approaching this from the standpoint of someone who is trying to figure out how the injunction to keep a foot cast dry can be accomodated without the aid of a boot. And the "foot" in the cast is actually my foot and the leg up to mid-calf.

Also, of course, the incredible glamor of the assorted styles available to me — not to mention my gait in general — is difficult to describe. I'm gonna look spiffy for that trip to the West Coast in two weeks. (As I hobbled about on crutches waiting for the cast to dry, I found an increasing sympathy for and empathy with Long John Silver. Arrrgh.)

➽ Spring is here. Spring is here. Life is skittles and life is beer.

So said Tom Lehrer, and it is time to look ahead to the fun of spring and summer — and going full speed ahead to introduce more people to the fun of comics. I'm already woefully behind in putting together a display on comics for the Waupaca County Library, which came to *me* to request I do such a promotion. April 7, Brent and I went to Waupaca to look at the facilities (including wall displays and display cases). It's a beautiful set-up, with well-lit walls from which to hang cool stuff.

The only problem is that there will be no strong security — so our initial idea of putting real rarities on display had to be junked. However, I'll be able to scan in covers and similar stuff from a variety of sources and output them on Iris proofs, which should be shiny and attractive and yet not tempt viewers.

We'll contact a number of comics companies to see whether they have appropriate giveaway items, and we'll also support a number of seminar-type presentations in the course of the month-long display.

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Wizards of the Coast announces plan to buy TSR

By Joyce Greenholdt

Wizards of the Coast, the publisher of the *Magic: The Gathering* trading-card game, announced April 10 that it intends to purchase TSR Inc., troubled publisher of *Advanced Dungeons & Dragons*. Wizards' announcement said a letter of intent has been signed by both parties and the acquisition is expected to be completed in May.

TSR and Wizards of the Coast are the two largest adventure-game manufacturers in the world. "TSR is the pioneer of adventures games and carries an important industry legacy," said Wizards of the Coast President and CEO Peter Adkison. "We look forward to drawing on TSR's worldwide reputation and established lines of popular games to complement our current business."

TSR President and CEO Lorraine Williams said, "The synergies that already exist between Wizards of the Coast and TSR ensure a solid home and future for the vast libary of intellectual property which TSR has created and for its creative community."

Exactly how Wizards' purchase of TSR would affect the structure of both companies had not yet been determined, according to Wizards of the Coast Public Relations Manager Steve Kam, who said the boards of directors for both companies must still approve the arrangement. Once the details are agreed upon, Kam said, "We'll be working closely with TSR's management to develop an integration plan."

An announcement on TSR's website said that GenCon will still be held, on schedule, in Milwaukee this year and that program books and housing forms will be sent out in May, as planned. The announcement also said that shipments of TSR products should resume, once the negotiations between the two companies are complete. TSR has not yet shipped any of its scheduled new releases during 1997.

Since the announcement, sources said, TSR has been contacting its creditors and asking them to settle for partial payments on outstanding debts, saying that the sale of TSR is contingent on its reducing its liabilities and that the company's other option is to declare bankruptcy. TSR's debts reportedly amount to approximately $18 million.

In reaction to the announcement, Rick Loomis, president of the Game Manufacturer's Association, said, "Obviously, this is very important to the entire industry, and I'm looking forward to the new directions that Wizards of the Coast is sure to go. I'm pleased that TSR's fine products will be available again and I hope that Peter [Adkison] will soon reassure the industry of his faith in the three-tier distribution system. His decisions on that will now be even more important to the entire industry."

Berkeley Games Distributors General Manager Greg Nathan said, "In light of the current situation with TSR, the financial problems they've been having the past few months, I think this is a good thing. I think Wizards of the Coast will ensure that the new products get released and that backlist products stay in stock."

Chessex Central's National Marketing Division General Manager Ron Magin agreed. "I think it's great that someone's buying TSR," he said. "The influx of cash will allow the release of the new products that stores have been starved for.

"The fact that it's Wizards of the Coast taking over TSR — on one hand, it makes me a little nervous, because now we'll have the two biggest suppliers in the field in the hands of one company. On the other hand, Wizards has always shown the desire to stay in the gaming industry, not to branch out into other areas and leave gaming behind. I think the corporate culture at Wizards of the Coast is such that it wouldn't do anything that would severely harm our industry. Also, the distributors that carry TSR signed a two-year contract at the beginning of this year, which I assume will carry over, which gives us an added element of stability for at least the next couple of years."

Perspective

on the events in the news

Look familiar? Sort of. The gaming industry — which provided many comics retailers welcome sales relief during the comics recession — has experienced violent gyrations in recent months, but all at the manufacturer level. Most retailers are still healthy.

What does this mean to comics retailers? Shops selling *AD&D* may be able to get product for the first time in 1997. Few stores suffered early on — with 20 years of backstock and plenty of alternative games to sell — but lately TSR-dependent stores have been running on empty. Retailers will likely approve but could revolt, if the distribution system is dramatically altered. After Heroes World, few comics retailers are anxious to buy directly from a manufacturer any time soon.

What's so special about this buyout? Four years ago, Wizards of the Coast was one of dozens of small-press game publishers and was reportedly teetering on the brink. One hot product later, it's the biggest name in gaming — and is trying to buy out the 20-year sales champ. It's tough to imagine the same thing happening in comics — but, then, it's hard to picture Marvel in Chapter 11...

When titans merge

A look at the histories of Wizards of the Coast and TSR

TSR is the largest role-playing games manufacturer in the world, controlling almost half the role-playing game market. Best known for its *Dungeons & Dragons* and *Advanced Dungeons & Dragons* role-playing games, the company also produces card, dice, and board games; novels; and magazines. TSR hosts North America's largest game convention, GenCon, each year in Milwaukee, Wis., attracting tens of thousands of gamers each year.

The company was established in 1973 as Tactical Studies Rules. The introduction of fantasy elements into medieval-era wargames led to the development of *Dungeons & Dragons*, which the company released in 1976 and which ushered in the era of role-playing games. *Advanced D&D* continues to be the best-selling role-playing game. TSR has also published role-playing games covering the science-fiction, western, spy-thriller, and super-hero genres, as well as developing several fantasy settings for its flagship game. TSR's *Dragon* and *Dungeon* magazines help support the company's games and other products.

TSR first ventured into book publishing in 1981 with its Endless Quest paperbacks. In 1984, TSR released its first novel, based on the *Dragonlance* campaign setting for *Advanced D&D*. Since then, TSR has published more than a hundred titles; several have appeared on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Struck by the malaise in the mainstream book market, TSR began to miss shipping deadlines in late 1996 and has yet to release any new product from its 1997 schedule.

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Wizards of the Coast was a small game company when, in 1993, it launched the trading-card game *Magic: The Gathering*. Since then, the company has sold more than two billion cards in nine languages. *Magic: The Gathering* and subsequent card-game releases from Wizards of the Coast account for about ⅔ of trading-card games sales, and trading-card games have become a major segment of the games industry, for a time eclipsing role-playing games.

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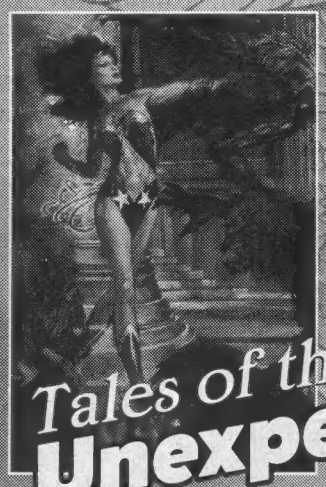

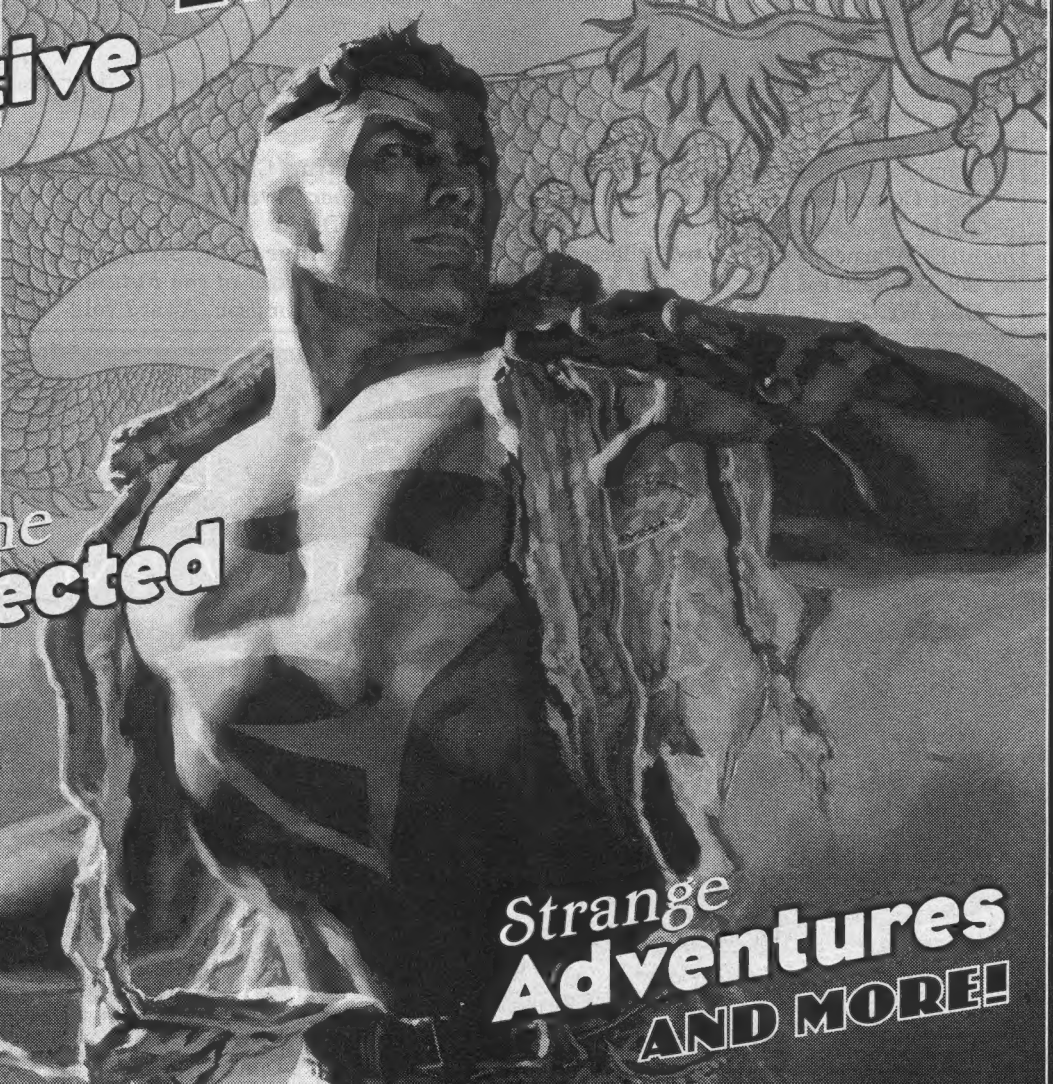

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Diana case will be appealed to U.S. Supreme Court

The Comic Book Legal Defense Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union have announced they will appeal comics creator Mike Diana's Florida obscenity conviction to the U.S. Supreme Court.

CBLDF Executive Director Susan Alston said that, after two appeals failed to have Diana's case reversed or reheard in Florida, his legal advisers concluded his only viable option was to take the case to the Supreme Court. The appeal is a gamble, since the Supreme Court typically accepts less than 3% of cases that are submitted to it.

The CBLDF Board of Directors met in March and voted to allocate the funds necessary to prepare a petition to the US Supreme Court and hire an additional lawyer to assist with the petition. George Rehdart of St. Petersburg, Fla., well-known in Florida as a First Amendment rights attorney, will assist Luke Lirot in preparing the petition.

Following a week-long trial in 1994, Diana became the first American artist to be convicted of publishing, distributing, and advertising obscenity for his *Boiled Angel* zine. His sentence included a $3000 fine, three years' probation, a course in journalism ethics at his own expense, eight hours of community service every week for three years, and psychological counseling at his own expense. The sentence also requires Diana to maintain full-time employment and forbids him to have contact with children under 18 years of age or to draw anything "obscene" — even for himself in the privacy of his home. Diana is subject to house searches without a warrant to verify compliance with the terms of the sentence.

His final appeal to the Second District Court of Appeal in Lakeland, Fla., was denied without comment in January. A requirement that Diana maintain residency in Florida, however, has been lifted to allow him to move to Long Island, N.Y.

Alston said Diana's legal fees have exceeded $50,000 to date. Preparing a petition to the Supreme Court would add an estimated $5000 to the case's legal costs. Donations to the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund can be sent to the CBLDF at PO Box 693, Northampton, MA 01061.

United Kingdom honors 'Kingdom Come,' others

The popularity of Alex Ross and Garth Ennis extends to the United Kingdom, as evidenced by the National Comics Awards presented in London March 15. Ennis, who hails from the UK, collected awards in four categories, while either Ross or *Kingdom Come* received awards in three categories.

The awards were organized by Kev F. Sutherland and Mark Buckingham and were presented as part of the UK's first National Comics Week.

Voting forms ran in *Comics International* and *SFX* magazine and were circulated thru UK comics shops. A charity phone poll collected votes for the Best British Comic Ever, the profits going to ChildLine.

The award trophy, cast from an original sculpture by Buckingham, is known as a "Jimmy." Awards went to the following:

Best Comic-Based Film or TV: *Lois & Clark — The New Adventures of Superman* (DC/Warner Bros). Award collected by Bob Wayne of DC.

Best Writer: Garth Ennis. Award collected by Ennis.

Best Artist: Alex Ross. Award collected by Editor Dan Raspler.

Best Newspaper Strip: *Calvin & Hobbes* by Bill Watterson.

Best Comic (International): *Preacher*. Award collected by Ennis, Steve Dillon, Glenn Fabry, and Matt Hollingsworth.

Best Character: Batman, created by Bob Kane (DC). Award collected by Alan Grant.

Best Individual Story: *Kingdom Come*. Award collected by Raspler.

Best New Comic of 1996, International: *Hitman*. Award collected by Ennis and John McCrea.

Best Cover: *Kingdom Come* #1 by Alex Ross (DC). Award collected by Raspler.

Best Supporting Character: Cassidy from *Preacher*. Award collected by Garth Ennis and Dillon.

Most Missed Character, Strip, or Comic: *Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future*, created by Frank Hampson. Award collected by Don Harley and Greta Tomlinson, surviving members of the original Frank Hampson studio.

Best Comic-Based Multimedia: Spawn action figures. Award collected on behalf of Todd McFarlane by representatives of Wizards of the Coast.

Best New British Comic of 1996: *Octobriana*, edited by Stuart Taylor. Award collected by Taylor.

Best Self-Published or Independent: *Strangehaven* written, drawn, and published by Gary Spencer Millidge (published in the U.S. by Abiogenesis). Award collected by Millidge.

Best Specialist Comics Publication: *Comics International*. Award collected by Editor Dez Skinn.

Best Comic (British): *2000 AD*. Award collected by Editor David Bishop.

Roll of Honor for Lifetime Achievement: Dez Skinn. Award collected by Skinn.

Best British Comic Ever: *The Beano* (DC Thomson & Co.). Award collected by Editor Euan Kerr.

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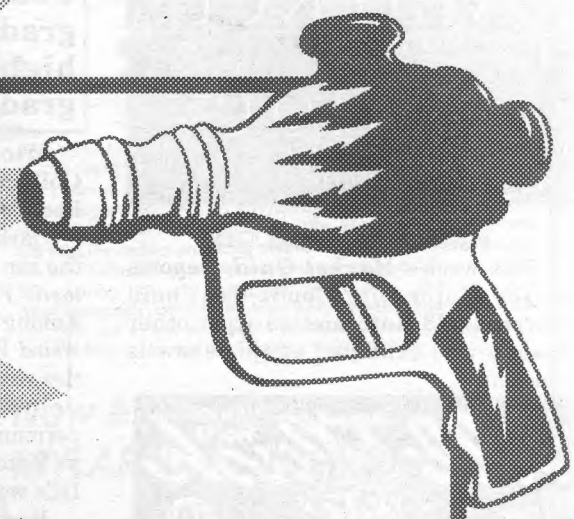

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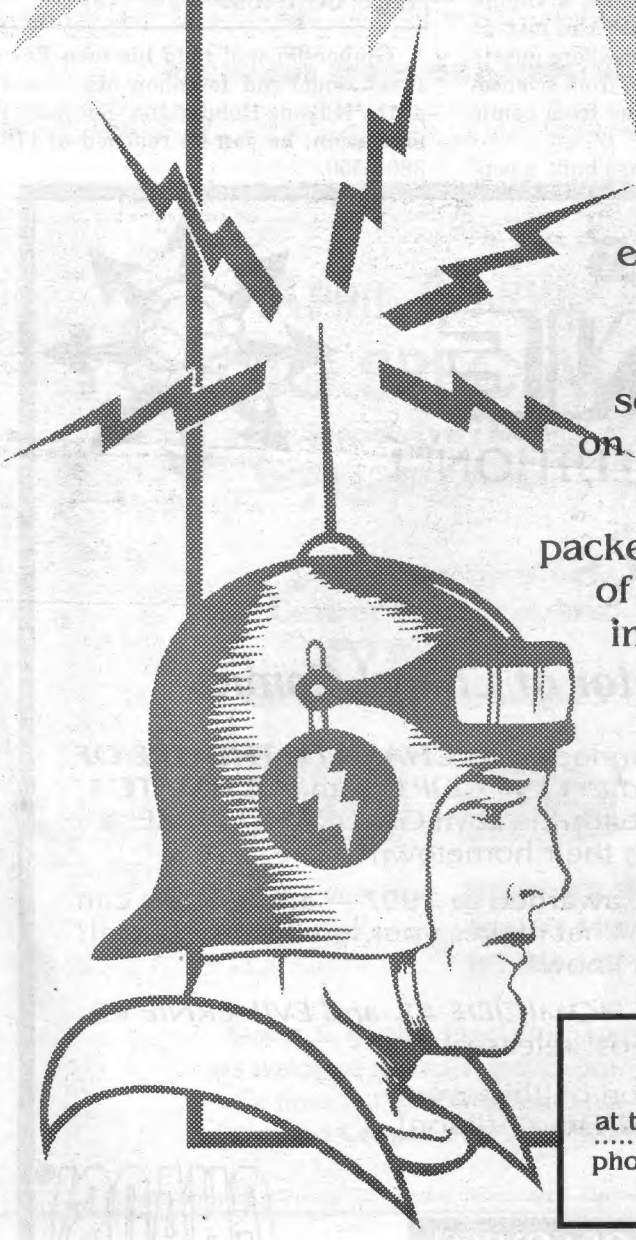

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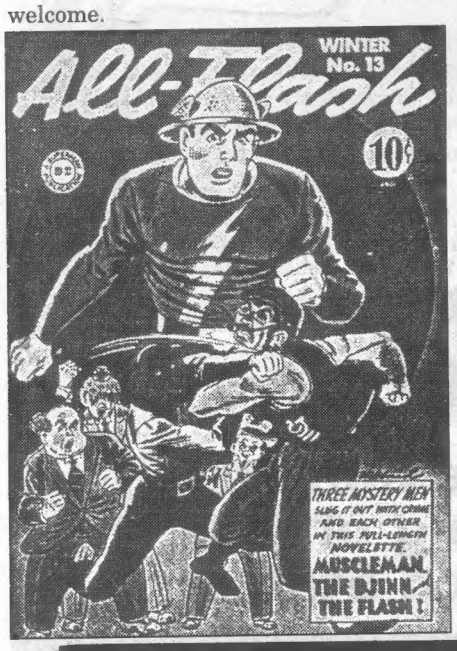
Market Guide

By Michael Dean

Motor City Comic Con

This week's ***Market Guide*** reports on the Motor City Comic Con, held March 21-23. Information from other dealers who exhibited at this show is welcome.



Dealers at Motor City Comic Con report high-grade back issues are in higher demand than mid-grade issues.

Michael Carbonaro, Vincent's Collectibles, 424 Beach 134th St., Far Rockaway, NY 11694.

Carbonaro reported high demand at the con for Timelys and high-grade *Fantastic Four*s and *Amazing Spider-Man*s. Among **modern** titles, Carbonaro said *Weird War Tales* sold well, but Image titles were not popular at the booth.

In **Golden Age**, Carbonaro said Superman titles were not in high demand at Motor City. In **Silver Age**, mid-grade DCs were also slow movers for him.

However, overall, Carbonaro said, "the fans had a lot of enthusiasm."

Cory Glaberson, Reel Art, 707 S. Harvey, Oak Park, IL 60304.

The show season is getting off to a slightly slower than usual start for Glaberson.

"Last year, every show was up," he said. "This year's Motor City is down just a bit." However, he added that the approximately 10% drop in Reel Art's Motor City sales was "not a significant drop."

A warehouse find of high-grade '70s DCs sold well for Glaberson, even at prices slightly higher than those asked in a recent mail-order ad. "One guy took 300," he said. "Another took 100."

Among **Silver Age** titles in general, Glaberson said high- and low-grade issues were selling better than mid-grade comics. "Everybody's selling them at 50% off."

Price-challenged collectors are starting to turn to a previously unpopular decade, Glaberson said. "The '70s are starting to percolate, because people can't afford earlier Silver Age comics," he said. "It's partly because the '70s issues are the comics the newer collectors grew up with, but the market seems to be shifting in that direction."

In Glaberson's opinion, lower prices would be good for the market. "Right now, prices are artificially too high and that hurts the market," he said. "Lower prices would help persuade more people to continue in the hobby instead of moving to toys."

Not that toys aren't important to Glaberson. Reel Art is partly devoted to movie-related merchandise, a theme which fit comfortably into the mix at this year's Motor City con, where guests were as likely to be known from science-fiction and horror films as from comic books.

Star Wars, especially, has built a popular inventory of products over the years, said Glaberson. "*Star Wars* toys are what is keeping a lot of people in business," he said. "A collector who gets into it now is going to need them all. That's what I'm banking on."

As for the comics industry in general, Glaberson expressed cautious optimism: "Comics right now, everyone is agreeing, is a very tough business. I'm troubled by all the stores closing. But the comics business goes in cycles. I don't see any major long-term trend toward collapse. People have an innate desire to collect. Magic is over, and videogames don't float it. You just gotta have faith."

Reel Art, said Glaberson, is "still growing," and mail order has "significantly increased" his business.

Noteworthy sales reported at Motor City Comic Con:

Golden Age comics: Vincent's Collectibles sold a *Phantom Lady* #18 in Very Fine condition for $900.

Reel Art sold an *All Flash* #13 in VF for $250 and a *Superman* #37 in F+ for $200.

Noncomics: Reel Art sold a "*Revenge of the Jedi*" poster for $300.

"The '70s are starting to percolate, because people can't afford earlier Silver Age comics."

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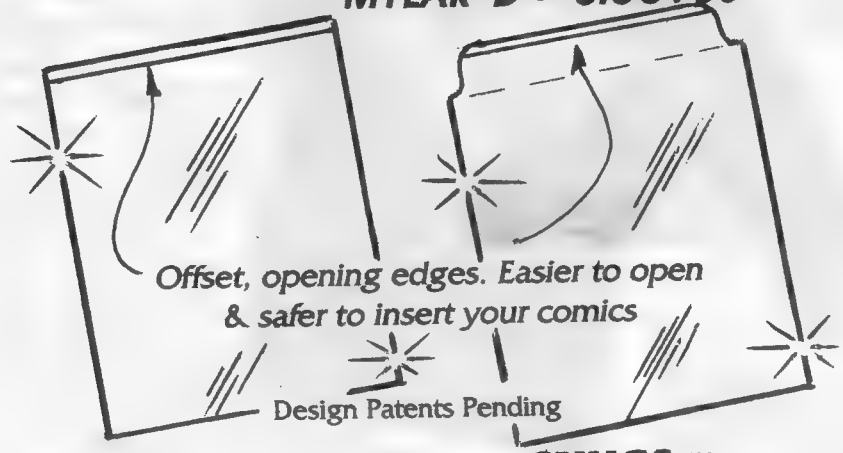

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It has come to our attention here at Kiwi Studios ("Small and Flightless but Funny to Look At!") that there are a few too many rumors flying around the comics industry concerning our future. On behalf of the staff, and for their peace of mind, I'd like to set the facts straight. Yes, our flagship title *Smith Brown Jones* is going on a bit of a hiatus. This much is true. However, this is not due to any of the "gloom and doom" we've been hearing about through the grapevine; rather it is a reaction to our restructuring of the company — a restructuring that comes from necessity and not, I repeat *not*, from any internal turmoil and fighting amongst the creative team.

The new Kiwi Studios creators are as follows: Penciller Jon "Bean" Hastings has taken time off to work on commercial art. He has been replaced by inker Jon "Bean" Hastings, who will also do the pencilling. That in itself shouldn't have caused the slowdown, but writer Jon "Bean" Hastings is getting married and has to contend with all that entails. Publisher Jon "Bean" Hastings has agreed to step in and write the next mini-series (entitled *Smith Brown Jones: Alien Accountant*) in his absence. Meanwhile, both letterer Jon "Bean" Hastings and cover artist Jon "Bean" Hastings have agreed to stay on as long as secretary-accountant-gofer Jon "Bean" Hastings does, also. We all just hope Editor Jon "Bean" Hastings doesn't go anywhere (ha-ha)!

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank ***Comics Buyer's Guide*** (and especially Maggie and Joyce) for the reviews of our little comic book from even before the beginning. Their positive and delightfully unexpected support of our first effort into comics has made it all that more worthwhile.

Thank you and we'll see you in the funny books.

John Wells
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For the past several months, I've been working on a massive comics research project. Having tapped out all of my sources, I'd like to issue a call to ***CBG***'s Golden Age collectors for help.

I'm seeking comprehensive information on the contents of the following comic books:

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If you have any of these comics in your collection, drop me a line and I'll let you know exactly what I'm looking for from each comic book.

Brian Clopper
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As a fourth-grade teacher at New Market Elementary in Maryland, I have seen first-hand the benefits of comics in the classroom. I encourage my students to read comics during silent reading time on Fridays and bring in personal favorites for them to read. I have noticed both girls' and boys' enthusiasm for *Akiko*, *Leave It to Chance*, and *Pakkin's Land* flourish and grow. Once a month, we have a Cartooning Club after school, where I show them the different steps involved in putting together a comic book. This week I brought in photocopied pages of my comic book, *Bombastic*, for them to color with Dr. Martin's Dyes. Last month, we created sound effects and used various lettering tools.

I know many shop owners donate comics to schools to try to turn new readers on to our medium, but that's not enough. Let's face it, many times the comics donated are surplus comics that are not the best examples of what this field has to offer. It doesn't get the child into the shop. I want to share an excellent program that does. My local retailer, The Vault of Comics in New Market, has a community outreach program in which he gives gift certificates to the kids who show academic improvement. Each week in each grade, one student is selected by the teachers to receive a $2 certificate.

I can tell you that the certificates have become very popular. Girls and boys equally clamor for this unique award. I have mentioned this program to other people in and out of the fields of teaching and comics, and they have expressed positive feelings and comments for the program. I know it has bred a better appreciation for the merits of comic-book storytelling and helped many a young one's self-esteem. I would love to hear of other schools and shops working in such a way to encourage the youth of today to

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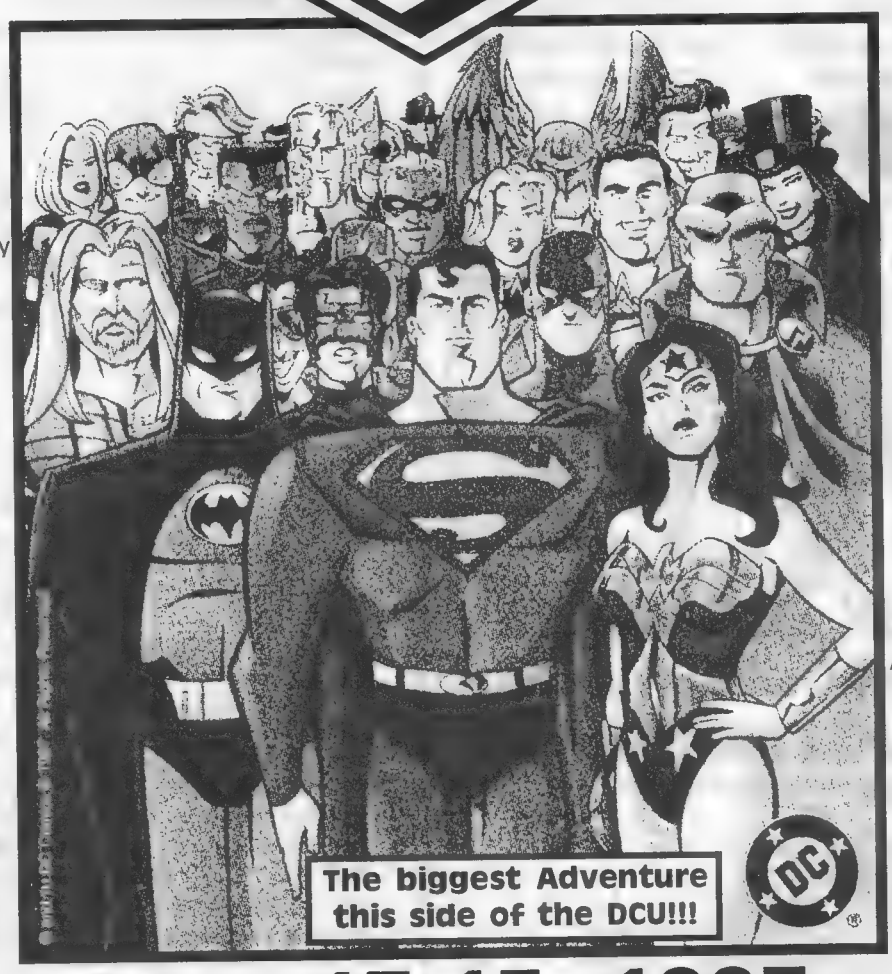

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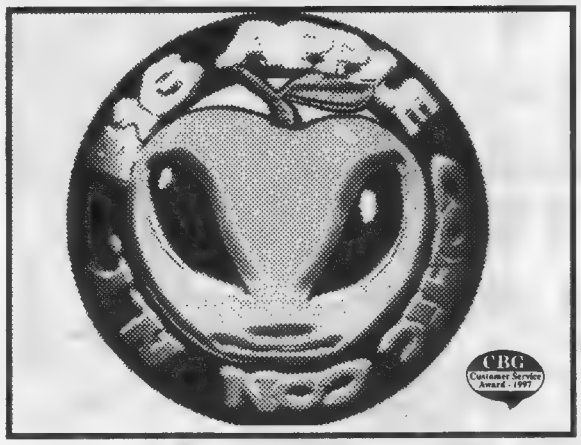

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[See the editorial in this issue.]

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Thanks for the opportunity to vote in the ***CBG*** Fan Awards — it gives me the opportunity to reflect on the enjoyable comics of the past year, and there were several of them. Thanks to Mark Schultz for putting out a new issue of *Xenozoic Tales* in 1996 — it made my voting easy this year. Schultz's art and stories continue to be the best published in the comics field.

I am thrilled that there have been fewer letter printed in *Oh, So?* recently from people complaining that there are no good comics. It seems there was a stretch there that every other letter printed was bringing up the subject. Whether this means there are better comics being published or that these folks are finding comics they enjoy or that the venting has relieved some of the dissatisfaction, I do not know. I *do* know that there are several enjoyable comics being published by some talented creators whom fans may or may not be aware of. So I'd like to take a moment and share with you my list of:

101 reasons I enjoy comics

1) *Adventures in the DC Universe,* 2) *The Adventures of Monkey,* 3) *Adventure Strip Digest,* 4) *Agony Acres,* 5) *Akiko,* 6) *Aliens,* 7) *Amoeba Adventures,* 8) *Arcana,* 9) *Army Ants,* 10) *Astro City,* 11) *Atomic City Tales,* 12) *Aztek,* 13) *Batman and Robin Adventures,* 14) *Berlin,* 15) *Bizarre Fantasy,* 16) *Bloodthirsty Pirate Tales,* 17) *Bone,* 18) *The Book of Ballads and Sagas,* 19) *Boondoggle,* 20) *Brilliant Boy,* 21) *Castle Waiting,* 22) *Cavewoman,* 23) *Cerebus,* 24) *The Circle Weave: Apprentice to a God,* 25) ***Comics Buyer's Guide***, 26) *Comic Shop News,* 27) *Concrete,* 28) *The Copybook Tales,* 29) *Coventry,* 30) *Dark Horse Presents,* 31) *Death by Chocolate,* 32) *Deodato Comics,* 33) *The Dreaming,* 34) Elseworlds, 35) *Emma Davenport,* 36) *Exit,* 37) *Explorers,* 38) *Fantastic Worlds,* 39) *Feature,* 40) *Finder,* 41) *First Deterrent,* 42) *Flaming Carrot Comics,* 43) *Gravediggers,* 44) *Greymatter,* 45) *Hellboy,* 46) *Hilly Rose,* 47) *Indy,* 48) *Innocent Bystander,* 49) *JLA,* 50) *The King of Persia,* 51) *Madman Comics,* 52) *The Mad Raccoons,* 53) *The Marquis,* 54) *Martha Washington,* 55) *The Melonpool Chronicles,* 56) *Milk & Cheese,* 57) *Mister Blank,* 58) *Mythography,* 59) *Negative Burn,* 60) *Oz Squad,* 61) *Pakkins' Land,* 62) *Patty Cake,* 63) *Pinky and the Brain,* 64) *Poe,* 65) *Predator,* 66) *Previews,* 67) *The Question,* 68) *The Rabid Monkey,* 69) *Ragmop,* 70) *Rana 7,* 71) *Raven Chronicles,* 72) *Rayne,* 73) *The Replacement God,* 74) *The Revival,* 75) *Rib,* 76) *The Sandman,* 77) *Scarlet Thunder,* 78) *The Searchers,* 79) *Second Rate Heroes,* 80) *Shades of Gray Comics and Stories,* 81) *Sin City,* 82) *Starchild,* 83) *Steele Destinies,* 84) *Strangehaven,* 85) *Stray Bullets,* 86) *Superman Adventures,* 87) *Tales from the Bog,* 88) *Tales of the Beanworld,* 89) *Terminal City,* 90) *THB,* 91) *Thieves & Kings,* 92) *Threshold,* 93) *The Trespassers,* 94) *Tug & Buster,* 95) *Tyrant,* 96) *Wandering Star,* 97) *The Wretch,* 98) *Xeno's Arrow,* 99) *Xenozoic Tales,* 100) The Xeric Foundation, 101) *Young Bug.*

(To be honest, I wasn't sure I would be able to pull off listing 101 titles, but I did.)

If you had the fortitude to stick with me, I would like to encourage you to try one of the comics mentioned that you've never read. Heck, try more than one. Just about any genre you enjoy is probably reflected somewhere on my list, from super-hero to mystery to action-adventure to humor to fantasy to crime.

As you can probably tell, I have a preference for the small-press, independent-type stuff. I would invite other fans or creators to write with suggestions for quality comics. If you enjoy a particular title, show your support and let others know.

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First, a big thank you for your wonderful feature by Jeff Lang in ***CBG*** #1218 on my favorite Vertigo comic book, *Sandman Mystery Theatre.* In my opinion, with the exception of Neil Gaiman's much-missed *Sandman* or Garth Ennis' wonderful *Preacher,* coverage of DC's other Vertigo titles has been slim lately, and I think it's high time for a change. As a major-league Vertigo fan, I'd like to suggest features on *Hellblazer, The Invisibles,* and *The Books of Magic,* to name only a few.

I suspect there is a large audience of Vertigo fans out there, so come on, ***CBG,*** lure them onto these letters pages to see what they have to say. It could be interesting.

Why do I like *Sandman Mystery Theatre* so much? Primarily, I like to read about "realistic" characters, and, although I do enjoy my fair share of the super-heroes on a regular basis, there is only so much a person can take of colorful individuals pummeling each other without going crazy. Wesley Dodds is a realistic character. He's of average height and build. He doesn't have muscles on top of muscles. He's got bad eyesight and gets all the aches and pains that we all do. His companion, Dian Belmont, is another realistic character. She has a believable figure for a young woman of the late 1930s. She's strong and independent. She's loyal to Wesley while remaining her own woman, and they have the most honest and well-developed relationship in comics today.

I enjoy *SMT* for its respect shown to the Golden Age of comics. While I've enjoyed the entire series so far, the appearances of Hourman and Starman were two of my favorite tales, and I look forward to more participation from other Golden Age characters. Jay Garrick and Alan Scott, perhaps? *SMT* has more than proven that there is still life in Golden Age characters.

I'm also a history buff and I read *SMT* for its historical references: the Depression, the prospect of war approaching, the New York City lifestyles, the cars, the clothes: I like it all. I also enjoy mysteries, pulp fiction, old movies, and radio dramas. *Sandman Mystery Theatre* delivers it all, without a pair of tights or a cape in sight — just damn good storytelling.

With the comics industry still caught in waves of super-heroes, few of them interesting, I

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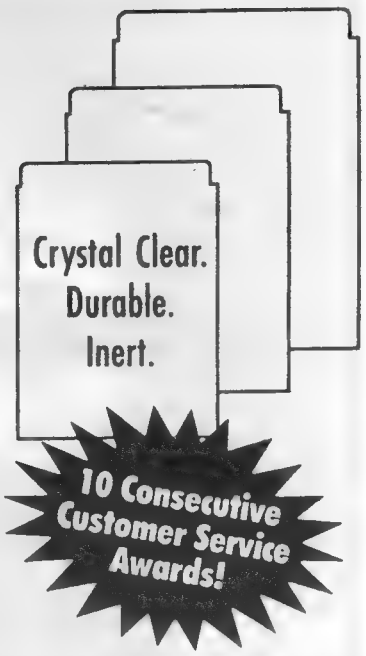

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grow more and more concerned about the future of this great series. How are sales, by the way? With recent losses of Vertigo titles like *Sandman*, *Swamp Thing*, and *Doom Patrol* (to name but a few), I wonder sometimes how much support for *SMT* is really out there and how much there is for the next group of mutants or colorful costumed dolts to come along.

Come on, Vertigo fans. Wake up and write! Let's not lose a great series like *SMT* to one of those comics whose title features a certain letter of the alphabet. We can keep *SMT* on the stands, so let's get going.

I also wanted to note that the comics industry has lost another friend. Like many of us, I was saddened to read about Kim Yale's untimely death, at far too young an age, from cancer, in Maggie's editorial in ***CBG*** #1219.

While I never had the opportunity to meet Yale when she was still with us, I've long been an admirer of her and her many contributions to the industry over the years. DC's much-missed *Suicide Squad* remains a favorite title of mine to this day. In what is unfortunately still a white, male-oriented industry, Yale was a refreshing change of pace: a female comics writer who could tell lively, fun, exciting and intelligent comics stories, a feat that many current male writers have been known to have considerable difficulty duplicating.

The comics industry desperately needs more people like Yale. Male or female, it doesn't matter: The industry needs people with Yale's enthusiam, her dedication and her positive outlook on life if it hopes to grow out of the many troubles it's been mired in for far too long. Are there more Kim Yales out there? I sure hope so. There's too much negativity still plaguing the industry, and it can sure use a bit of Yale's hope and optimism right about now.

I just want to express my sympathies to John Ostrander and all the other friends and family members who may see this in print. The industry has lost a friend, but it's a friend who won't be forgotten.

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Back in ***CBG*** #1210, Daryl Broussard wrote asking who does the art for my feature *Too-Real-to-Be True Romances*. It's a simple question. Unfortunately, there isn't a simple answer.

For those who came in late or missed the explanation when the series began running in ***CBG***, here goes:

Several years ago, Charlton Comics was selling all its properties. I bought the rights to one of its old romance series — *First Kiss*. Through the magic — and technical nightmare — of semi-modern technology, I've been scanning the stats into a computer and manipulating the art. Thus, *First Kiss* has been changed to *Last Kiss*. Old dialogue has been removed and I've added new — and, I hope, funny — dialogue to the art.

In addition to cleaning the art, I often touch up faint lines, remove problem dot patterns, and add shading. Sometimes, backgrounds and other portions of the artwork are dropped out to present a cleaner image.

I am definitely not an artist. I only claim credit for the dialogue. I couldn't draw any of these covers if my life depended on it. But with a computer I — and virtually anyone who takes the time to learn — can do amazing things.

In most cases, I don't know the names of the original artists. If it's signed, then it's usually just the last name. The art team that seems to have done the most work was — according to the signatures — "Nicholas & Alascia." I'm not sure, but I think it likely that one or both of these artists were responsible for the cover that Daryl Broussard initially wrote about.

Someone once sent me some information about some of the Charlton artists who appear to have worked on *First Kiss*. I can't seem to locate that info right now but hope it'll turn up. (Or maybe the kind person who dug the info up could send it to me again.) In any event, I encourage anyone who has information about any of the artists or the series itself to write to me.

I hope to do a comic-book series eventually using some of this material, so it would be nice to give proper credit where it's due. (I've also been approached about various merchandising options — greeting cards, posters, and some other nifty stuff. We'll see what happens.)

As far as my current series in ***CBG*** goes, I'll try to find a way to include credit lines with the artists' names. The thing to remember, though, is that the images have *all* been altered. Sometimes I have to actually draw in some minor detail to fill a spot where an old word balloon or caption was removed. So, if you don't like something about the artwork, it may not be the artist's fault. Maybe *I'm* the one who screwed it up. You won't see any credits immediately. ***CBG*** already has a batch of *Too-Real-To-Be True Romances* that are without credits waiting to be run. I will, however, see what I can do about credits for future submissions.

*[According to the incredible body of work put together by Jerry Bails, Vince Alascia was born in 1914 and retired from comics in 1976. He worked for Harry Chesler and in the Eisner-Iger studio, and his work appeared in comics from Ace, Avon/Realistic, Charlton, Fawcett, Fiction House, Fox, Hillman, Holyoke/Es-Es-Go, Lev Gleason, Marvel/Timely, Orbit/Toytown/Patches, St. John/Jubilee, and Ziff-Davis. Alascia himself provided some of the information for the Bails **Who's Who**.]*

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Re: *The Skeptical Inquirer*.

I know of three books of collected essays from the magazine on the market: *Paranormal Borderlands of Science*, *Science Confronts the Paranormal*, and *The Hundredth Monkey and Other Paradigms of the Paranormal*, all edited by Kendrick Frazier. If those are a little too technical for some readers, they might try the works of Martin Gardner (*Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science*) and James Randi (*Flim-Flam*). *The Skeptical Inquirer* also runs a publishing house, Prometheus Books, dedicated to printing and keeping in print the best in critiques and exposés of the psuedo-mystic.

For those who see skeptics as party-poopers, I'd recommend the magazine *Fortean Times*, which runs its share of debunking articles and

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maintains high standards for its nuttiness. The eagerness of some people to be gulled, however, is infinite and a source of profound despair to me. I mean, let's take the alien-abduction claims. Setting aside the profound shakiness of the stories, most of which seem to be hysterical fantasies bolstered by hypnosis, what these people are claiming is that mysterious, vaguely sinister beings routinely hijack them from their homes and perform terrifying experiments on them before dumping them back where they were until the next go-round, and there's no way the people can stop them or protect themselves. And there are folks out there who not only buy these stories but insist on considering unquestioning belief in them somehow positive and life-affirming.

Moving on to Glenn Liddy and his friend's difficulty getting published, editors can be infuriating and I sympathize. I, myself, have a story I've been submitting for the better part of two years. The editors who bounce it almost always say the same thing: It's intelligent, well-written, and very original, but it's not what they're looking for right now. Apparently, they're only publishing poorly written, stupid, derivative work this year. Heigh-ho.

Anyway, it's important to remember there are more talented people than there are jobs and the factors of luck and timing play a big part in getting in. It is easier for editors to just print the same stuff by the same people; it's safer and it'll probably sell. And they've no obligation to publish all good work they find.

All one can really do is keep at it and hope someday to get lucky. It's depressing but keep in mind, if you quit, it makes it easier on the editors by eliminating one more submission they have to look at. Don't give them the satisfaction.

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Late comics seem to have once more become an epidemic in the comics industry.

I realize that sometimes unexpected problems can force a book to ship late. Illness, financial problems, creator's block, and family responsibilites can wreak havok in even the most carefully planned shipping schedules. However, much of the late shipping would be unnecessary if companies would simply take a realistic accessment of their shipping schedules. So at the risk of sounding impertinent, here is a lesson on how to prevent late shipping.

Lesson One: When soliciting a new issue, make certain the previous issues have shipped.

If issue #1 hasn't been sent to the printer, don't solicit for issue #5. If the series is bimonthly, then don't solicit for issue #3 until the first issue is at the printer. This simple rule could probably eliminate 60% of all late comics.

Lesson Two: Be aware of your limitations or of the limitations of your creators. If your artist can only draw an issue every three months, then do not solicit the title as a monthly.

Lesson Three: If publishing your comics on time is important to you, then there are certain comics creators you should never work with. The most frustrating aspect of this for fans is that almost all of those creators have done monthly comics in the past, so we know they are capable of meeting deadlines, but many now seem incapable of publishing comics on even an annual basis, or they're interested only in doing covers.

If you're a publisher that must work with any of these creators, then please do not solicit for a single issue until you have every page of completed artwork in your hand. It's the only way you can guarantee that the comic book will be published on time.

Lesson Four: Don't assume that it doesn't matter if you ship late. Shipping late will cost you readers.

Most late shipping isn't usually extreme, but different fans have different tolerances for late shipping. Some readers will buy a comic book even if it's six or seven months late. Others will give up if a comic book is even one month late. In general, a comics fan who goes to the store every week is likely to pick up the issue whenever it arrives, no matter how late. People who only read a few comics (and thus make fewer trips to the comics store), however, will stop reading much more quickly. This means that independent and self-publishers are much more vulnerable to late shipping than Marvel, DC, or Image.

It can be assumed that any shipment over a month late will cost a comic book readers. After all, if a reader has been forced to the conclusion that he can survive without the comic book for several months, then he may decide that he can survive a lot longer and spend his money elsewhere or even stop buying comics completely.

Finally, if a publisher solicits a comic book in *Previews*, that publisher must realize that fans view that solicitation as a promise to ship that comic book in the month covered by the issue.

It may seem arrogant that I, a mere fan, should give comics creators and publishers a lesson in shipping comics, but I do not apologize. I think it shameful that this should even be necessary. It seems clear that too many creators, publishers, and distributors have no clue what they are doing when any informed fan can look through any issue of *Previews* and tell which comics will ship late, while those paid to work in the industry cannot do the same. Comics creators and publishers: This is important. If late shipping means fewer sales, then this current flood of late-shipping titles can only be bad for the industry, especially when so much of it is unnecessary. The fans are getting annoyed, but we're powerless to do much about it. We don't want to vote with our dollars. However, if the comics aren't there on a regular basis, then I suppose we won't be sacrificing much, anyway.

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Your "20 Years of Star Wars comics" really took me back. I got into both *Star Wars* and comic-book collecting because of Marvel's *SW* #13 and I wouldn't change a thing from then on. *SW* #13 got me into the comics shops and introduced me to the wonderful four-color world. Were it not for *SW* #13, it's a safe bet that I wouldn't be reading a newspaper devoted to comic books.

Enough reminiscing, though. I'm writing to take exception to Dark Horse President Mark

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Oh, So?

From Page 18

Richardson's comments in Marc Patten's "The Dark side of the Horse." It's always bugged me when *SW* fans take potshots at the old Marvel *SW* series, but I can no longer sit idly by. To smear with such a broad brush is a disservice to the likes of Archie Goodwin, Howard Chaykin, Tom Palmer, Roy Thomas, Carmine Infantino, Terry Austin, Gene Day, Mary Jo Duffy, Walter Simonson, David Michelinie, Klaus Janson, and Ron Frenz, just to name a few who've lent their talents to the Marvel *SW* series.

Yes, Jaxxon the giant green bunny is probable best off forgotten, but what has Dark Horse done that's really so much better than Marvel? Let's see, it's resurrected Emperor Palpatine not once, but twice. It turned Boba Fett, supposedly the galaxy's best bounty hunter, into a boob and is only now rehabilitating his character through a series of one-shots. Its first *Droids* series wasn't any better than Marvel's short-lived Star series, and even the talented Ryder Windham couldn't sustain the second ongoing series beyond eight issues. And let us not forget that a sizeable portion of Dark Horse's *SW* comics are reprints of the material done while Marvel owned the *SW* license.

This is not to say that I haven't enjoyed some of Dark Horse's *SW* comics. Titles like *Tales of the Jedi*, the Jabba comics, the aforementiond Fett comics, and *Shadows of the Empire*, which was the best part of the *Shadows* multimedia extravaganza, are well worth purchasing *twice* (the second time in collected trade-paperback form). But let's face it: Dark Horse isn't playing under the same rules that Marvel was subject to. The playing field has been tipped to Dark Horse's advantage. Marvel was constrained by then-unfilmed continuity and was forced to have the characters tread water for three years at a time. In other words, Marvel couldn't be too good, and, if it was, Lucasfilm would step in and abort. Check out Marvel's "The Tarkin" storyline in issues #51 and #52 for a truncated story that was, nonetheless, riveting.

Marvel must have been doing something right back in the late '70s and early '80s for the esteemed Dwight Decker to call Marvel's *Star Wars* the best comics continuation of characters and situations first introduced in the movies. If the *SW* circulation figures that ***CBG*** reported in issue #1216 are correct, the sales bear out Decker's assertions. Dark Horse, on the other hand, is more of a partner with Lucasfilm, which is interested in more than just giving their fans their monthly *SW* fix. Lucasfilm is more involved this time around, as it tries to weave a seamless universe among its multitude of licensees.

Richardson can be pleased or displeased with the Marvel *SW* series. It's his perogative. Generally, I'd agree that the Dark Horse comics look better than the Marvel comics, but I think this is a function more of industry advances than of Dark Horse itself. Paper stock, cover stock, and color reproduction have improved by leaps and bounds since Marvel's *SW* comics. But better paper and printing methods do not a comic book make. It all gets back to the writer and/or artist.

I'm sorry if my letter seems harsh. I would hope that Richardson would think that his company is helping to carry on the tradition begun at Marvel.

Thanks for letting me vent. And I really enjoyed John Jackson Miller's "Gone but not forgotten."

*[**JJM:** I deliberately avoided drawing comparisons among the outputs of the various Star Wars publishers in my Marvel piece for the very reason you state: that the conditions the publishers were operating under are entirely different. One definite change for the better for Star Wars fans is that, since the franchise is many times more important to Dark Horse's bottom line than it ever could have been to Marvel's, it has a much greater stake in keeping fans happy. Reader feedback to Dark Horse is also more likely to be heard by Lucasfilm itself, so robust feedback from comics fans can only be good for comics **and** Star Wars over the long haul.*

*Everyone has his own Golden Age (**Star Wars** #1 was my first Marvel comic book — could you tell?), so I figured the time was right for a look at the Marvel years. Respondents to the article have turned up a number of fun rarities, such as Marvel Illustrated Books reprinting what must be extra stories done for the British **Star Wars** biweekly, including at least one Claremont-Infantino story. Dark Horse has already dipped into the British Marvels with **Classic Star Wars: Devilworlds**; if you'd enjoy seeing the best Marvel stories done with Dark Horse's enhanced production values, let Dark Horse know.*

By the way, I had always thought "The Tarkin" storyline was truncated, too — followed as it was by a two-issue fill-in story. David Michelinie said in our interview, however, that the story had always been intended to run 40 pages, so the editors could fit the Claremont two-parter in #53-54 before Michelinie and Walt Simonson's regular stint got under way.]

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An open letter to the medium I so love:

As I approach my 34th birthday, I find myself reflecting about the money I spend on comics each month and the increasingly unstable level of enjoyment I receive from reading them. I have been a faithful reader of comic books since I was 5. Perhaps it was the wide-eyed wonder of childhood that causes me to remember so fondly those captivating stories of my youth. Certainly, there are many wonderful works being produced today. It is not my intention to slight their creators or fans in any way. Yet the maturing realization of innocence lost, both in me and the medium that so contributed to my formative years, is a vaguely unsettling experience.

The very essence of growth is change, and comics have changed in many ways. Today, it is often difficult to relax and enjoy a complete story in a single sitting without having to purchase another title I may not otherwise be interested in simply to complete the story. I am increasingly uncertain if I receive $1.95 worth of enjoyment from 10 minutes of reading.

The excellent talent involved notwithstanding, many of the friends I grew up with have gone away without me. I'm watching the milk carton for Oliver, Barry, and Hal. I'm hoping the dry cleaners will find Clark's laundry quickly. I'm patiently waiting for Ben to come home so we can go for a walk on Yancy Street. What with inter-league play and such, baseball and mutants are getting harder to keep a handle on. I almost went catatonic when I heard the word "clone" on the television yesterday. Perhaps I am anachronism incarnate, but I cannot help but wonder if I am being put on the shelf with these characters by the very medium and fandom I have so long loved and supported.

Maybe it is me. I am most definitely not the same person I was 29 years ago. But the spark is still there. I still enjoy pulling out the old scrapbooks and revisiting my old friends. I still enjoy an imaginative, well-told story of wonder and hope. So I wait patiently for my friends, ever optimistic that they have not gone the way of bell-bottom jeans and leisure suits. The greatest truth we can remember about comic books is that, unlike real life, nothing in comics has to be forever. Whether it involves death or even years of muddled, convoluted storylines — with an optimistic dose of hope and imagination, anything can happen. It is this sense of possibility and wonder found between the covers that makes comic books so enjoyable and fun. Sounds like a good reason to read comic books to me.

One last thing before I say goodbye. Maggie, would you please print the names and addresses of the individuals responsible for publishing the wonderful *DC Archives* and *Marvel Masterworks*? I want to encourage all of comics fandom to take a moment to write letters of encouragement that the wonderful characters and stories from the Golden and Silver Ages may continue to entertain us for many years to come. Whether *More Fun Comics* or *Marvel Mystery*, let's invite these friends to come back home to the fans. They have been gone far too long.

[Here's my general suggestion for writing this sort of letter of praise: Send it to someone higher up in the organization. This way, the compliment gets passed down by someone who can notice when a project is highly regarded and may, then, approve more such projects down the line — not to mention feeling kind thoughts about the people who actually put the good project together in the first place.

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Maybe I'm just too old for this hobby. Here I am, a middle-aged financial professional and parent, still buying comics. And the comics I buy reflect a pursuit of nostalgia as well as an appreciation of good work. *Kurt Busiek's Astro City* tells stories of my childhood characters the way they would be told now, with a '90s sensibility. I'm the father of Chance Falconer in James Robinson's *Leave It to Chance*. *Untold Tales of Spider-Man* helps me relive my youth. I only buy Superman when he looks and acts as he did in the '60s and early '70s. Thank goodness he finally cut his hair. And Jon Bogdanove does a great job at depicting the Superman I want to see. I like to think it's more than just nostalgia at work.

Looking back at the past always implies looking through rose-colored glasses. Is that why the heroes of the past means so much more to me than those of today? But it's not just me. Superman has endured as a comics character for almost 60 years. Like Mickey Mouse and Tarzan, he struck a chord with the public that has enabled him to survive. Like classical music, they have withstood the test of time.

Looking at recent corporation-spawned characters of the recent past, readers can see the difference in the fantasy constructs of today versus yesterday. He-Man and the Masters of the Universe, a Mattel corporate creation, is barely a memory. I remember 10 years ago when the toy stores were filled with this character. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles still manage to hang on, but my 5-year-old son won't even watch the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers any more. Of course, the question is: Does this reflect the lack of depth and superficiality of today's corporate creations or the increasingly short attention span of a generation of children raised on TV and soundbites?

I see the newest incarnation of Superman as another superficial corporate creation. In a few months, it come and go with barely a wisp of memory. His new "Captain Electron" costume and his long hair will just be comics trivia questions. Silver Age stuff like the rainbow of kryptonite was just silly and cute; this new incarnation of Superman is obvious and cheap. I don't mind reinventing heroes (Green Lantern is the most successful so far), but they should at least be done well.

Am I just wistfully trying to recall my childhood or does it seem as though characters created and molded in the past reflect a love of the fantasies they represent rather than the corporate need for profit? I've worked for corporations for more than 15 years now and understand sales and business needs. Fortunately, there are notable exceptions to this kind of corporate mentality, only some of which I've mentioned. And the diversity of the medium seems to show the love of the characters still exists. But is the origin of today's characters to be rooted in the quick buck? I hope not.

[The Golden Age is 12.

What you read or saw or did then is imbued automatically with a glow that nothing will dim. A large number of people who read those assorted kryptonite stories as adults saw them at the time as obvious and cheap — and as products of the corporate need for profit. Or at least the corporate need for yet another identical story churned out to hold the kids for another month.

So we had: varicolored dinosaurs in Tomahawk stories; Bat-Mite; the umpteenth story in which Adam Strange visited Rann, discovered a menace only he could handle, and (after handling it) zipped back to Earth; Superman Red and Superman Blue; and Supergirl weeping because, though she was Supergirl, she didn't have a date for the prom. Just to switch gears, we also had: super-hero cowboys; war stories in which paratroopers fired machine guns on their way down; women with helmet-like hairdos whose sole function was to be threatened; and the most recent popular movie filtered into the next month's plot.

Obviously, the preceding paragraph is much too harsh — but you must keep in mind that the quick buck has driven this industry since its inception. The glory of the art form is that wonderful stories have been produced throughout its history, despite the reasons for publishing those stories in the first place.]

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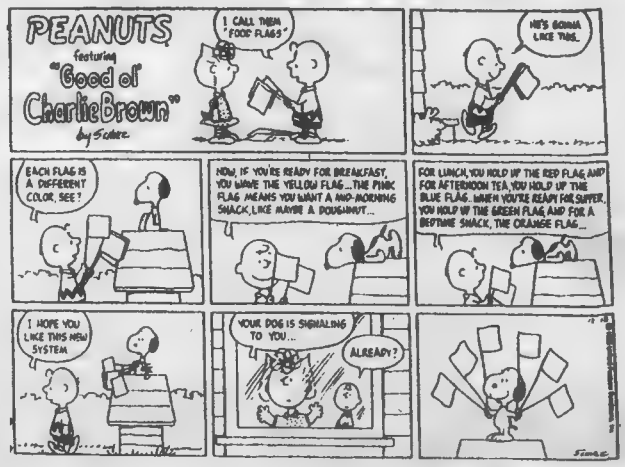

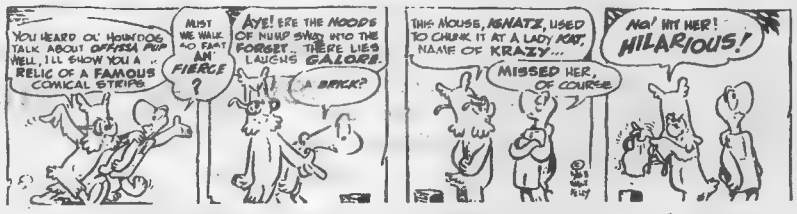

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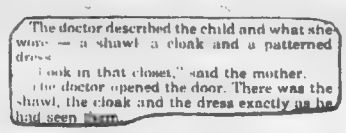
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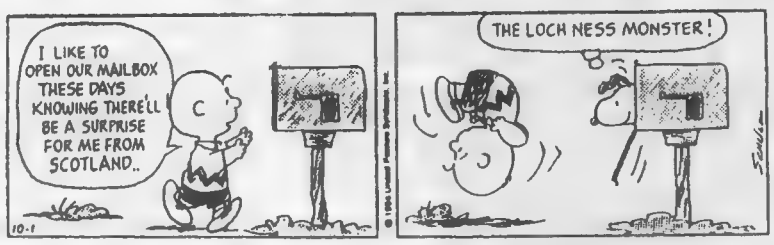

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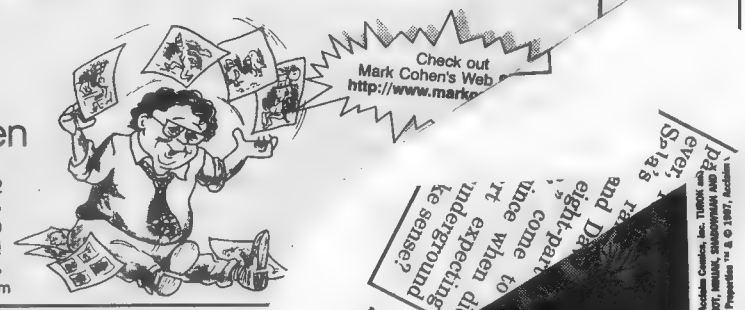

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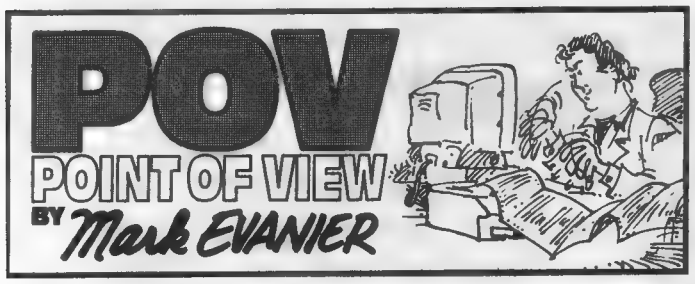

Just before this year's Academy Awards, Kim Metzger wrote a column of predictions for this publication. He did a pretty good job, missing in only two of the categories where he ventured guesses: Best Song and Best Supporting Actress.

For the latter, he predicted Lauren Bacall would win for *The Mirror Has Two Faces*. She didn't. But Kim shouldn't be faulted, since this one had all the pundits stumped. The morning of the Oscars, *The Hollywood Reporter* printed the prophecies of 10 leading film critics. They all, like Kim, guessed right for Best Picture, Director, Actor, Actress, and Supporting Actor. They all, like Kim, missed out on Supporting Actress — eight predicting Lauren Bacall and two forecasting a win for Barbara Hershey in *Portrait of a Lady*. (The actual winner was Juliette Binoche for *The English Patient*.)

The critic for *The Hollywood Reporter* must have been shocked. He wrote, "There's one absolute lock tonight and that's in the Best Supporting Actress category. Indeed, Lauren Bacall may be up for a 1997 best performance award if she exhibits any convincing shock when her name is called."

Didn't happen.

Every other major category went precisely the way the 10 major film writers — 11, counting Kim — figured. But not only were they all wrong about Supporting Actress, it was the one that many of them figured was, as the man wrote, an "absolute lock."

How did they go so wrong? Better you should ask how they went so right. Oscar forecasting is one of the least scientific sciences in the world today. No one really knows the identities of the voters whose preferences are being predicted or which films they've even seen or liked. (Box office returns aren't even a reliable indicator, since the Academy members get in *gratis* to screenings and often receive free videocassettes to view at home.)

And even if we *did* know which films they liked, we'd have no idea which ones they considered Oscar-caliber. Remember, we are not talking about us deciding which films and performances we thought merited Oscars. We're looking to guess the voting preferences of a band of vaguely defined strangers.

In political elections, we usually (not always) have a pretty good idea who'll win, because dozens of polls of the electorate are conducted and carefully calibrated according to past voting patterns. The Gallup people can tell you that female voters under 50 in a given precinct usually vote 52.3% Democratic. But no one knows much about the past voting patterns of the Oscar voters. There are no exit polls, no demographic breakdowns. We don't know if Tom Hanks was a runaway fave for Best Actor or if he won by one vote.

One thing can be said about the voters. They seem to favor the performance that took guts to undertake: the movie that didn't look like a sure-fire commercial prospect. If a producer walks into a studio and says he has a commitment from Sylvester Stallone or Bruce Willis to star in a big action flick — resplendent in sex, violence, and/or special effects — he'll probably get a deal on the spot. His film may get a quick overseas sale and a flood of advance bookings. He may even make a ton of money — but he's not likely to see it win any Oscars, except maybe in the technical categories. No one there stretched the definition of a good movie, nor did they take much of a career or financial risk. (Even then, there are exceptions: this year, Cuba Gooding Jr. in *Jerry Maguire*.) Generally, if it's the kind of movie that can spawn imitations, it ain't Oscar material.

But this guideline only narrows it down a little, and it's of scant help to determine which of five nominees gets to go up on stage and thank everyone they've ever met. Most Oscar predicting has to be done based on one impossible-to-quantify indicator, and that is "the buzz." No one polls what folks in the industry are themselves predicting, but this year those critics who guessed five out of six accurately — and concurrently — gauged "the buzz."

(This makes Kim's score all the more impressive, since he did it from Indiana. I'm guessing there aren't a whole lot of Academy voters and screenings there.)

Each year, the Academy Awards ceremony runs around 3½ hours. Each year, they have *TV Guide* list it at "3 hrs.," and, each year, it runs at least a half-hour over that. This comes as a surprise to no one but the gullible home viewer who's taping it on a three-hour tape.

The folks who produce the show know how long it's going to run. They're professionals. They've routined the show and limited the acceptance speeches and even figured out how long it's going to take all those ladies in all those expensive gowns to stroll to center stage to present. (One year, to save time, they cut out all those long walks and were deluged with complaints. A large segment of the audience doesn't care who wins — it just wants to see the clothes. That's why the producers got rid of podiums or made them transparent.)

And the network certainly knows how long the show is going to run and, what's more, it's delighted when it runs long. The network has sold all those hugely expensive commercials for the latter segments. If the show finished under three hours, someone would lose an awful lot of money.

Still, every year, everyone acts surprised that the show runs so long — even the host who, late in the show, does the obligatory joke about how they're about to start serving breakfast. Ha-ha.

I've never been to the Oscars. I have no desire whatsoever to endure all that plus the traffic jam that surrounds the event. I've been invited a few times and, once, I could have been paid to be there. That's right: *paid*. You see, the show is so long, they employ people called seat fillers.

The job of a seat filler is to fill a seat. In the middle of the show, when they're presenting the statuette for the best catering of prune danish on the set of a documentary shot in Guam on a Tuesday, the big stars are all out in the lobby, shmoozing and talking deals. So that you don't see a lot of empty seats when the camera shoots the audience, especially in front where they place the biggies, a seat filler, is sent down to sit there and politely applaud.

The seat fillers are mostly outta-work actors and actresses, and it's not a bad job. You get paid to see the Oscars — usually from the best seats — and you get to go home and tell everyone how you sat next to Barbara or Arnold or Sly. The only real requirement for the job is to have your own tuxedo.

Which I do. Many years ago, I was writing a variety show, when our costume person came by my office and said, "I'm ordering some expensive designer tuxedoes, if you want one." They listed for $1000, but she was obtaining these for 75% off and would pass the savings on to me.

It's tough to pass up a bargain like that, even for something you never expect to use. Still, I figured, when you wear a tuxedo, that's as good as you're ever going to look. There's nowhere to go but down. On the other hand, if you *don't* wear a tuxedo, then at least people can look at you and say, "Well, maybe if he had a tux."

I told her thanks, but no thanks. Then, a few years later, I had to attend a function where a tux was mandatory. Sure, I could have rented one but I was afraid that I'd get killed in a car accident, they'd bury me in the rental, and then the payments would wipe out my family.

So I called Madeline (that was her name) and asked if she could still get me a $1000 tux for $250. She said yes, and I gave her all my sizes.

It wasn't until the day before the affair that I was able to get by there and pick it up. It was a magnificent outfit — jacket, pants, ruffled shirt, cummerbund, the works — but it needed taking in here, letting out there. Alas, Madeline was snowed under with a show she was dressing, and her staff couldn't spare two seconds to do my cuffs. "What'll I do?" I asked her. "I need to wear this tomorrow night."

"No problem," she said. She suggested I go to a local discount clothier — a store whose owner advertised relentlessly on TV, hawking suits with the panache of a used-car dealer. "They have a staff of tailors on the premises and they can alter it for you while you wait. I send people there all the time."

I drove over there with the $1000 tux, and the guy from the TV commercials himself waited on me. He had me don the tux, which he marked with soap chalk. Then I changed back into my street clothes while his tailors did the fixes.

While I waited, he engaged me in conversation, trying to quietly broach the subject of the double-knit sport coats he had on sale. "Nice tux," he said. "But you should have come here. We sell the same thing for $130."

"That's a designer tuxedo," I huffed. "It retails for $1000."

He nodded, walked over to his tuxedo rack, and pulled out a jacket and slacks. Mine was ready by then, so he laid the two of them out, side by side. "Tell me the difference," he said.

I carefully inspected the two tuxedoes. "They look pretty much the same," I had to admit.

"Not pretty much the same," he said. "They *are* the same." He showed me the stitching, the way the lining was cut, and other evidence. "These were made in the

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Fantagraphics' neo-underground anthology, *Zero Zero* ($3.95), has reached its 16th issue. This is a ripe age by underground standards, all the more astounding because the title is adhering to a bimonthly schedule. The title has grown so confident of its longevity that it does not hesitate to run stories that continue from issue to issue. Richard Sala's "The Chuckling Whatsit," for instance, has been running more or less continuously since issue #2. Editor Kim Thompson noted in issue #15 that the title's continuing stories have drawn the ire of critics (whom Thompson called "paid malcontents"). While defending the practice of continuing stories, Thompson, nonetheless, promised to wait until both of the currently running serials have ended before adding a new continuing story.

The backlash against continuing stories, which is by no means limited to the grumbling of critics, is fueled by two main complaints: Assembling multiple-issue continuities is expensive, and it's not easy for a new reader to make sense of what's going on. ***CBG***, with its Done-in-One logo has expressed some sympathy for those who are looking for titles that manage to tell a story in a single package. Personally, however, I'll be sorry to see Sala's rambling gothic serial and Dave Cooper's surreal eight-part epic, "Crumple," come to an end. And since when did readers start expecting comics in the underground tradition to make sense?

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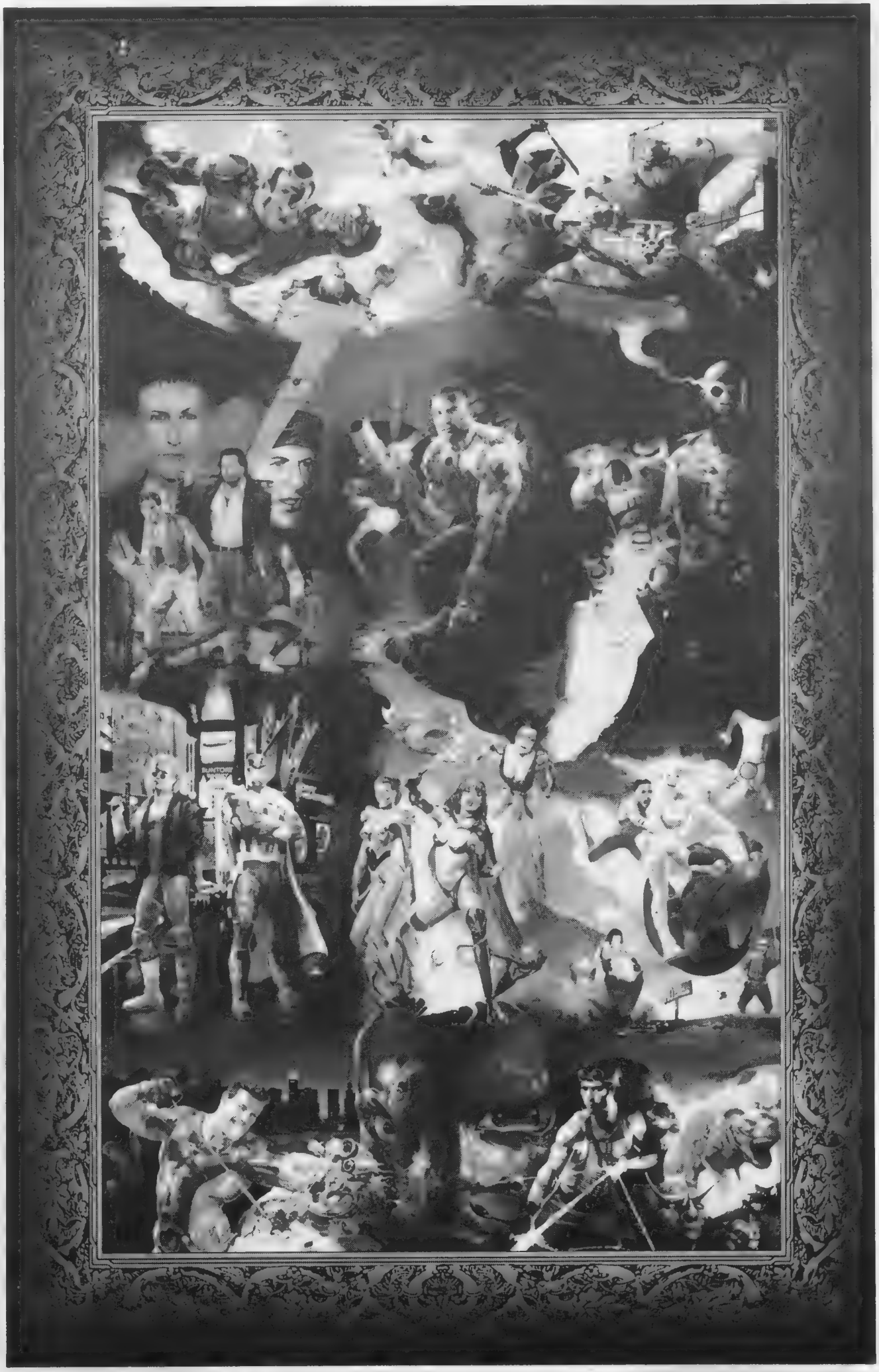

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Point of View

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same plant by the same people, working with the same materials." He named a factory in Korea that was the most likely source and added, "Your fancy designer company just sews its label inside and charges a thousand balloons. You know what I pay for these? $45."

Gulp. I staggered home with my $1000 tuxedo for which I paid $250 (plus $20 for alterations) and which I could have bought for $130 from a guy who gets them for $45 each. Somehow, it didn't seem as magnificent as it had back at Madeline's.

The following year, a friend of mine was working on the Academy Awards and she called up and asked me if I had a tuxedo. I told her I did. She then asked, "How would you like to be a seat filler at the Oscars?"

I thought it over for about a second but I told her no.

After all, you can't go to the Academy Awards in a $45 tuxedo, now, can you?

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Change of subject. The week after the Oscars, on April 1, the creators of 46 newspaper strips participated in a wonderful April Fools' Day stunt. They swapped around their strips — like, the guy who usually draws *Dilbert* traded places with the guy who usually draws *Family Circus*. Some of the stand-ins were brilliant, and all were fascinating.

I hope, though, that cartoon fans noticed the other great jest of the day. Rather than describe it myself, I'm going to quote verbatim a squib from the daily fax report that was issued that day by the newspaper *Electronic Media*. Here it is:

The Cartoon Network pulled its regularly scheduled programming in lieu of an April Fools' Day stunt. Since 6 a.m., the network has been repeating a single seven-minute short (Screwball Squirrel's *Happy-Go-Nutty*), along with occasional on-screen notices claiming the animated character has taken over the control room in an effort to have April 1 declared a national holiday. All fooling aside, the channel plans to resume normal programming at 6 p.m. — after the cartoon has run more than 140 times.

The stunt was, I thought, hysterical — the same cartoon over and over and over. They did not even rotate the five classic cartoons that Tex Avery directed of Screwy (sometimes known as Screwball) Squirrel. They ran the same one repeatedly.

Even after it was apparent what it was doing, I found myself tuning in to Cartoon Network throughout the day, making sure it was still at it and checking out the little announcements about the Screwy Squirrel hostage crisis. It left all the promotional announcements and bumpers intact, so they'd announce, "Coming up next — *The Flintstones*," and then it'd show Screwy Squirrel in *Happy-Go-Nutty*. Or they'd say, "We now return to *Thundercats*" and then it'd show Screwy Squirrel in *Happy-Go-Nutty*. For 12 hours straight.

Someone at Cartoon Network has a great sense of humor and a hefty serving of guts. For the sake of a great gag, it ran the risk of outraging cable subscribers — and, indeed, judging from Internet postings, a few were incensed sufficiently to phone the channel's headquarters in Atlanta. This did them no good, of course; all they got was a recorded announcement that said that they were doing their best to get Screwy out of the control room.

Others called their local cable companies to report technical problems. At least one cable service out in the Valley had begun carrying the channel on the first of April. One wonders what those new viewers thought.

But I know what *I* thought: I thought it was brilliant. And, looking at the above report from *Electronic Media*, I wonder if Cartoon Network played a trick on it in a press release or if no one at *Electronic Media* knows how to multiply. Even if you left out commercials and promo announcements — and they didn't — it would take a lot more than 12 hours to run a seven-minute cartoon 140 times.

Either way, somewhere, Tex was laughing his wings off.

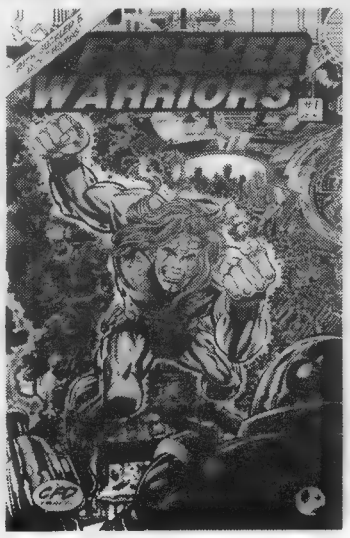
Mark Evanier, who only wears his tux now for formal apologies, gets his mail at 363 S. Fairfax Ave., #303, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

CBG Profile: CFD Productions

by Joyce Greenholdt

When Cry for Dawn Productions split up due to creative differences between Joe Monks and his former partner, Monks went on to found CFD Productions, committed to releasing products in a timely fashion, and turned the defunct *Cry for Dawn* flagship title into *NightCry*, a horror anthology targeting a broader base of horror and dark-fantasy fans.

CFD's comics are divided between its general-audiences line, including such titles as *CYBERGen, Journey into Madness, Von Pyre,* and *Forever Warriors,* and a mature-readers line, including the titles *NightCry, Vampire Verses, HYPER-Violents,* and *Vampire's Lust*. *NightCry* remains its best seller, and the horror anthology is being prepared for relaunch, "as soon as we get a few issues in the can," Monks said.



Monks writes much of the material published by CFD. He also oversees development and production of new titles and merchandise, with help from Editor Pamela Hazelton, who also works with writers, artists, and other creative talent on individual projects and series.

Making contacts and conducting negotiations with creators is the responsibility of Managing Editor Hart D. Fisher. Monks said Fisher is single-handedly responsible for turning up more top-notch new talent than anybody else he's seen in the industry.

CFD's upcoming projects include a History of Torture and Punishment card set, released in regular and adult editions. "The cards themselves are not only illustrated well, they've been thoroughly researched for factual accuracy," Monks said. "This isn't some exploitative throw-together; it's a high-quality merger of art and text." Creators for the card set include: Rich Buckler Sr. and Jr., John Orlando, Buzz, Glenn Chadbourne, Frank Forte, and Mike Lilly.

"Also, our new-for-1997 fan club membership kit will be available this summer, as well as the re-launch of *NightCry*, an issue-length *NightCry* annual (which would have been an issue-length volume of *Cry for Dawn*), and *Agony in Black*, a text-oriented project with full-page illustrations accompanying each story." Creators for *Agony in Black* include Fisher, Monks, Denise Sodaro, and Wayne Allen Sallee.

"The industry today is probably in the worst shape I've seen it in my nine years as a publisher," Monks said. "However, that still doesn't mean it's going away. If the publishers who have survived this long and the new publishers entering the industry are willing to work to put the best possible product out and to continue efforts to expand the overall audience, growth is inevitable. It's the petty, incestuous, cannibalistic attitude most publishers and creators have which drag down the industry. It's not 'Bad Girls' or power-fantasy super-heroes in tights that keep the industry from being as popular as the music industry or computer games; it's everybody trying to do the same thing because it's hot.

"CFD Productions fills a small but special niche in today's market. While we are expanding to encompass a broader audience base, we're primarily known for our work targeting older audiences, audiences that don't want to be insulted by triple-D-cup female protagonists and crotchless male protagonists with 80-inch biceps. We've always been able to attract a female audience, because we don't pander to or insult our audience, and our growing fan club recognizes the goals we're striving to achieve, be it a poetry book like *So Dark the Rose,* which sucked in a talent like Bernie Wrightson on the cover, or a general-audience title like *CYBERGen* or *Forever Warriors*.

"CFD continues to find new ground to cover. There are a multitude of audiences out there, and, gradually, we're going to try to offer each different group a CFD comic book they can seize on the way the goth audience took to *The Sandman*. Hit or miss, I'm committed to publishing projects I enjoy personally, in much the same way I address my personal writings — when I'm happy, I'll release it. I just hope that the people who come along for the ride have a good time — at the very least, they're not going to be bored with a CFD release."

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18, 19 F/VF 15.00
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**RETURN OF GORGO (Charlton, 1963

Heroes Con #16 is June 13-15

Comics Buyer's Guide Awards ceremony joins the event

"Each year many of the regulars return, while new soon-to-be regulars are added. This show will boast over 200 comics professionals in attendance."
– Shelton Drum

Celebrating its 16th year, Heroes Convention '97 returns to Charlotte, N.C., for another Father's Day weekend, June 13-15. And, for the first time, the ***CBG*** Fan Awards ceremony will be part of the action. The awards are scheduled for Friday night immediately following the close of the exhibit hall. Convention President Shelton Drum said, "I'm very excited by the opportunity to host the ***CBG*** Awards. We've been wanting to put together an awards ceremony for years but haven't had the time or vehicle to support it.

"This is great! ***CBG*** does the vote collection and promotion, and we have all the fun! ***CBG*** columnist Peter David has agreed to be the master of ceremonies, with celebrity presenters including Neil Gaiman, Julius Schwartz, George Pérez, Kurt Busiek, and Mark Waid."

From the days of buying new comics at the local drug store, to selling them at flea markets, to starting the first comics convention in Charlotte, to founding one of the first direct-sales stores in the Carolinas, Drum has spent the last 25 years in the middle of the developing comics retail business. It was after he participated in the evolution of the early days of the direct-sales market that he decided to start a multi-day comics convention as a way to create awareness for his store and comics in general.

Drum said he established the Charlotte Mini-Con in January 1977 as an ongoing semi-regular tradition, popping up once or twice a year. The success of the early swap-meets set the stage for the first Heroes Convention in June 1982. The idea was to invite more than the single comics creator featured in the mini-cons. The line-up for the first two-day show was an encore appearance for most of the artists, since they had appeared at the first mini-cons. The guest list included George Pérez along with his *New Teen Titans* co-creators Marv Wolfman and Romeo Tanghal, local artist Jackson Guice (who had just landed his first professional assignment, *The Micronauts*), Pat Broderick, Bob McLeod, and Mike Zeck. Wolfman and Tanghal were new faces to Charlotte, and Drum said they were "quite a hit," since *New Teen Titans* was topping the sales charts at the time. About 400 people attended that first Heroes Con, and Drum said it was considered a great success.

Attendance doubled the next year when Chris Claremont and *X-Men* penciller Paul Smith were the featured guests.

Drum said, "In 1984, the appearance of Stan Lee, along with the return of George Pérez, established Heroes Con as a serious contender for the South's favorite comics show and it took on a life of its own."

Julie Schwartz, Curt Swan, and Murphy Anderson headed the '85 show's guest list along with comics newcomer Art Adams. 1987 brought Pérez back for good (since he has had a near-perfect attendance record ever since). Drum said, "Each year many of the regulars return, while new soon-to-be regulars are added. This show will boast over 200 comics professionals in attendance."

Drum's parents, who are antique collectors, have also been an active part of Heroes Con. For many of the early years Stump and Jessie Drum played host in the professionals' con suite, making sandwiches and serving sodas to guests and exhibitors. Drum said, "They have defined southern hospitality over the years. Unfortunately, as the show has grown, so have the restrictions on what a promoter can do on his own. Using big convention centers requires specified caterers, and my parents have retired from their previous duties. They still attend and support us by shaking hands and warmly greeting all they encounter."

It was while promoting his shows and attending others that Drum met and became friends with such creators as Pérez and Guice, and they have maintained that friendship over the past two decades.

*Shelton and Cynthia Drum (left) celebrated **Snuffy Smith** artist Fred Laswell's 80th birthday at Heroes Con '96 with (continued left): Shirley Laswell, Fred Laswell, and Shelton's parents, Jessie and Stump Drum.*

Artist Joe Quesada was a newcomer at the '92 show; Drum said, "Joe hasn't missed a Heroes Con since he started coming and is one of the most active creators in and around the show, having done numerous program covers and T-shirt designs, as well as putting everything he's got into the con charities like the Charlotte Fire Fighters Burned Children Fund.

"Spider-Man artist Mike Wieringo started as a fan, even winning a quick-draw contest before going pro and becoming a featured guest. Former Heroes co-workers Casey Jones and Rob Haynes, as well as North Carolina resident Randy Green, are back as working professionals."

A variety of artists in a variety of comics genres attend the show each year as it presents "a great opportunity for small press publishers and creators to showcase their current and upcoming projects. In '94, Jeff Smith's guest appearance was instrumental in expanding the exposure of *Bone* in the South. Other creators, like Kurt Busiek, Colleen Doran, James Owen, Budd Root, and Gina and Richie Prosch, are returning as regular attendees, using the personal, one-on-one interaction with fans to promote their comics. This year brings independent favorites Paul Pope, Terry Moore, and Martin Wagner to

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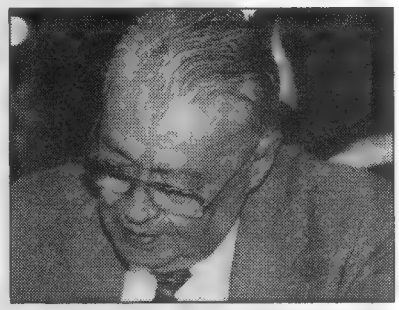

Silver Age artist Murphy Anderson is one of the guests scheduled to attend this year's Heroes Con.

Cynthia and Shelton Drum were married at the 1990 show. Guests of the show were also guests at the wedding.

Heroes Con '97 Facts & Information

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Charlotte for the first time."

As the father of five, Drum said he has always strived to maintain a family environment in his stores and at Heroes Con and to seek out new titles that he and Cynthia feel comfortable sharing with their young children. This search has brought such creators as *Akiko* creator Mark Crilley and James Robinson and Paul Smith of *Leave It to Chance* to showcase their all-ages titles, not only to the young Drums, but children all over the Carolinas.

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— Shelton Drum

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"To encourage more kids to begin reading comics, now kids under 10 get in free, up from 6 years old at previous cons.

"The ticket prices also have a built-in discount for fathers: Any child with a ticket can get Dad in for free on Father's Day or half-price for the whole weekend. And admission is still affordable: $10 per day or $20 for a three-day pass."

Drum added that he is working with publishers and local media to get free comics into children's hands when they attend the show in a effort to secure the next generation of comic fans. DC Comics has agreed to co-op with attending local retailers a postcard mailing to more than 35,000 8- to 12-year-olds and to give them a free copy of *Superman* #123. "These kids are the future of our industry; I want to make sure they get a chance to sample comics and become lifelong fans. I'm grateful to DC for recognizing their potential and helping us to reach them."

Heroes Con '97 continues the focus on the concept of the hero, Drum said. "Heroes Aren't Hard to Find can and should refer to more than just characters like Spider-Man and Superman. There are many heroic role models for us today. Parents, teachers, sports stars, and community service personnel are all important players in the development of a child's understanding of the idea of a hero. You can find heroes everywhere including at the show: The Charlotte Firefighter's Burned Children Fund and the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund are both charities which Heroes Con is working to draw attention and support to."

The Charlotte Fire Department will present a display, including its fire safety and fire prevention smokehouse and a new state-of-the-art ladder truck. Last year's efforts, aided by *Ash* creators Joe Quesada and Jimmy Palmiotti, raised more than $5400 for the Burned Children Fund.

Other fund-raising efforts include a Saturday night reading by Neil Gaiman to benefit the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund and an art auction to raise funds for both the CBLDF and the Burned Children Fund.

Guests scheduled to attend Heroes Con '97 span the spectrum of comics experience from such Golden Age creators as Murphy Anderson, Irwin Hasen, Shelly Moldoff, Chic Stone, and Nick Cardy to such Silver Age luminaries as Dick Ayers, Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez, and Julius Schwartz.

Other guests include a contingent from Top Cow comprising Marc Silvestri, Batt, Michael Turner, D-Tron, David Finch, David Wohl, and Christine Z. Paul Smith and Walter and Louise Simonson will also attend. Neil Gaiman and Charles Vess will show their upcoming *Stardust* series, and George Pérez will show his creator-owned *Crimson Plague*. Kurt Busiek will return for his fourth consecutive show, this time connecting with Pérez on the "Heroes Return" *Avengers* assignment and promoting his own *Astro City*.

Peter David, who, Drum said, "made his first Heroes Con appearance as a sales rep for Marvel way back in '84 and returned in '90 as a hot new writing talent," returns to the show this year. David was a guest at the wedding of Shelton and Cynthia Drum on the Saturday evening of the 1990 con.

Starchild creator James Owen will present his Coppervale Marketplace display, sponsored by Vernors Ginger Ale (featuring three-dimensional and animated scenes from *Starchild*) for the first time at Heroes Con. This coincides with the release of the *Starchild: Crossroads* collection in early June.

Heroes Con '97 offers opportunities for budding artists and those interested in comic art to learn more about the medium. Drum said, "Workshops and portfolio reviews have always been a great help for those trying to develop their talents in order to prepare submissions for publishers." This year's programs feature: artists from Gaijin Studios; a live-figure drawing workshop led by artists Scott Hampton, Steve Lieber, and Ray Lago; and several quick-draw art contests.

A gallery of comic art, including an exhibit of the unpublished art for Pérez's *New Teen Titans* graphic novel and *Justice League/Avengers* crossover, pages from the second *Fallen Angels* series by Colleen Doran and Terry Austin, and an updated exhibit of the Jack Kirby rare and unpublished art display, is scheduled at this year's show.

Neil Gaiman will participate in fundraisers at Heroes Con

Proceeds to benefit Comic Book Legal Defense Fund

As part of his Guardian Angel Tour, Neil Gaiman will read from his book *Angels and Visitations* Saturday, June 14, from 8 to 11 p.m. In addition, Gaiman will read from his unpublished stories. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund. Ticket prices will range from $35 for the front row, $25 for rows two through five, and $20 and $15 for the remaining seats. Tickets will be on sale in advance along with convention admissions. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the CBLDF booth through the close of the show on Saturday or until the hall is sold out.

Neil Gaiman
Photo by Kelli Bickman

In addition, Heroes Convention plans other fund-raising activities featuring Gaiman.

Heroes Aren't Hard to Find, convention organizer Shelton Drum's retail store sponsoring the convention, has donated more than 200 copies of *Death: The High Cost of Living* comics for Gaiman to sign. These copies will be sold at the CBLDF booth with 100% of the revenues going to the fund.

Gaiman has agreed to sign autographs for about 90 minutes each day of the show. Tickets for these autographs are $3 each or three for $5 and will be the only way to get an autograph from Gaiman during the convention. Approximately 500 autograph tickets will be available each day.

James Owen opens the Coppervale Marketplace

James Owen's Coppervale Marketplace, sponsored by Vernors Ginger Ale, will make its debut at Heroes Con '97. The 600-square foot audio animatronic exhibit is made up of two parts: a retail kiosk and a walk-through exhibit. The retail kiosk is a self-contained cottage-like structure featuring shelves and counters of Coppervale Press publications including prints, comics, paperbacks, and hardcover books, as well as a large selection of licensed and specialty items such as cloisonne pins, T-shirts, ginger-ale steins, marionettes, foreign language editions of the comics, and other items.

The kiosk is supervised by Coppervale Vice President Cindy Owen. James Owen will be available for sketches and autographs throughout the show.

The outside walls of the walk-through exhibit feature lit posters, window boxes showcasing specialty items, and peek-a-boo windows, offering passersby a glimpse into the displays.

At the entrance/exit, visitors are greeted by the sight of the stone faerie queen, Titania. Entering the dark passageway, they will hear the song "Harrigan" by George M. Cohen, as they approach Old Tom's study on the left, where Thomas the Rhymer is sitting at his writing desk, scribbling prose, turning his head to wink at those who pass by. In the background, cluttered shelves filled with books, knickknacks, goblins, and other assorted goodies stand alongside a crackling fire in the stone fireplace, while flying books slowly circle overhead.

Visitors then proceed to the centerpiece of the exhibit, where the hermit Ezekiel Higgins, holding a lantern and staff, stands in front of the stone wall which circles Fool's Hollow. At his side, the storytelling tree, with masks hanging from the branches, sways from side to side beneath a storm-swept, moonlit sky, as fireflies bounce around him. Facing the audience, Higgins tells a 2 1/2-minute story, recorded by Ben Kingsley, the original model for Ezekiel Higgins.

On their way out of the exhibit, visitors pass by the inside of The Two Penny Inn and see Harrigan at the bar, smoking his pipe, as Martin Humble sways merrily back and forth on his string bass playing, appropriately, Cohen's "Harrigan."

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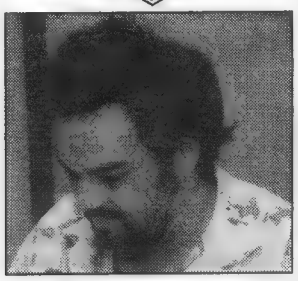
'Crimson Plague' breaks out at Heroes Con



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By George Pérez

On the weekend of June 13-15, at Heroes Con in Charlotte, N.C., I will finally introduce my creator-owned comic book *Crimson Plague*. Heroes Con is the place where, both figuratively and literally, *Crimson Plague* was born.

It was at the 1992 Heroes Con that I did my first promotion for what would eventually be *Crimson Plague* — in the form of both a trading card and a T-shirt featuring what was then called *George Pérez's Gladiator*. The card was produced as a giveaway by convention organizer Shelton Drum. I had my first press conference about the project at that show, which is also where I met the person who would eventually change the entire direction of my proposed series: Dina Simmons of Fayetteville, N.C.

It was only a brief meeting; Dina was getting some copies of *Wonder Woman* signed for herself as well as other comics for her fiancé, comics-shop owner Bernie Mangiboyat. Now, nothing strokes the ego of an increasingly middle-aged artist more than a lovely young lady announcing that she is a big fan of his work. I watched as several fans — and pros — stopped what they were doing and photographed her. I knew this woman had something special.

After the '93 Heroes Con I asked Dina if she would be interested in being the model for a villainess I was designing for *Gladiator*. The character was to be called Plague and she would have a strained romance with the title character. Dina enthusiastically said yes.

Eventually, I got a few more fans and friends (including Bernie, now Dina's husband) to sign up as characters for *Gladiator*. Everyone was enthusiastic and

encouraging, but none more so than Dina, who continually asked questions about her character's background, powers, and motivations. With Dina prodding and poking, Plague soon became more interesting to me than Gladiator.

So I scrapped much of what I had started on *George Perez's Gladiator* and, thus, *Crimson Plague* was born, like the woman who inspired her, in North Carolina. I also made the decision that almost *all* the identified characters in the series would be modeled after real people. Eventually, my cast ballooned to more than 140 (and is still growing!) and it provided me with both a greater artistic challenge and a real connection with the fans who now had increased personal interests in my series' success.

Although I missed the 1995 Heroes Con, I arranged a store appearance at Shelton's store later that year. It was at the Heroes Aren't Hard to Find store that the first (and only) *Crimson Plague* ashcan appeared — and signing it with me, making her first promotional appearance, was Dina Simmons.

Last year's Heroes Con introduced a Shi/Crimson Plague poster drawn by me and *Plague* color artist Tom Smith and produced by Billy Tucci's Crusade Comics. It was Billy's way of showing solidarity for another artist's project. That show also featured the first *Crimson Plague* promo T-shirt.

And, most importantly, it was the show where I decided that Event Comics' Joe Quesada, Jimmy Palmiotti, and Publisher Laurie Bradach would become the official carriers of the *Plague*. It was predestined, I suppose — Dina was assisting them at their booth that year.

So it is fitting — no, make that imperative — that *Crimson Plague* makes her debut at Heroes Con '97. In fact, even though the first issue is being printed in May, it won't ship until June 13 — the first day of the show.

For years Shelton and Cynthia Drum have sponsored many charity functions at the show, most notably The Charlotte Fire Fighters' Burned Children Fund. It is also a charity for which Dina herself, and Event Comics, have raised much money in the past. So what better way to kick off the series than with a first-ever combination charity event, scavenger hunt, raffle, auction, and variant cover comic-book signing?

Here's how it works. About a dozen of the models who appear as characters in the first issue (Shelton Drum being one of them) will attend Heroes Con all three days. This includes the title character herself, with Dina Simmons making her debut as DiNA: Simmons in full costume.

The models' characters will be drawn on a special variant cover for the *Crimson Plague Heroes Con Edition*. This edition will be sold at the Event Comics booth for $5. (The regular edition, which will also be available, is $2.95.) The extra $2.05 for each issue sold will be donated to the Charlotte Fire Fighters' Burned Children Fund. Then the purchaser's goal will be to hunt down all the models appearing on the cover and get their respective autographs. When every signature is acquired, the comic book's cover will be stamped with an embossing seal. That stamped comic book will then act as a raffle ticket. The prize: a painting of Crimson Plague by Tom Smith and me. The original to the variant cover (signed by all the models) will be auctioned, as well, with all proceeds going to the charity.

I am thrilled beyond adequate words at how all this has turned out. Heroes Con has been a touchstone for many happy events in my professional career, and even with this culmination I feel there are more great things to come — and many of them will probably get their first notice in Charlotte. I love the Heroes Con. It has been, and still is, one of the friendliest, most exciting, most well-run conventions ever produced. It has grown in size over the years but it has never lost its heart. Shelton Drum loves comics with a passion big enough to fill up any convention center.

Come to the show — and feel it for yourself. See y'all in June.

Top Cow wields its 'Witchblade'

Top Cow Productions will attend this year's Heroes Con, which, according to Top Cow founder Marc Silvestri, "is a great opportunity to say 'thank you' to our East Coast Fans. They don't get as much of our attention as they deserve, and we intend to fix that."

Top Cow's entire *Witchblade* creative team, including series artists Michael Turner and D-Tron and colorist JD Smith, as well as co-writers David Wohl and Christina Z., is scheduled to attend.

Also scheduled to appear are Silvestri (in one of his few East Coast appearances this year) and Batt, artists on *The Darkness*. David Finch will promote the launch of *The Ascension* with a preview comic book.

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"You should always believe all you read in the newspapers, as this makes them more interesting."

*— **Rose Macauley** (1881-1858)*

It was a really slow news day. Not only did the *Medina County Gazette* publish staff writer Frank Esposito's long article on yours truly, but it actually ran on the front page of the April 3 edition. OK, sure, it was on the bottom half of the front page, underneath the lead article on South American killer strawberries and a big photograph of two guys painting a building, but it was still pretty cool.

Esposito's article was very flattering, talking about how, when comic-book fans nationwide want to get the inside dirt on Superman, Spider-Man, and their other favorites, they look to this column and yours truly. He wrote about my 20-plus years in the comics field, my creation of Black Lightning for DC, my opposition to the local Christian Coalition in its current crusade to gut the Bill of Rights, the global and national importance of the comic-book art form, my continuing enthusiasm for comics, and my abduction by a pack of roving super-models who forced me to buy them beer and potato chips and then made me shower with them.

OK, you got me. I admit it. I made up that last bit in a desperate and truly pathetic attempt to make my life appear more interesting than those of the painters. However, Medina being a relatively small city, the article was enough to make me your basic local celebrity for a day.

I was recognized by students and congratulated by teachers and parents at the schools my children attend. The UPS driver shook my hand. I was asked to speak at 27 career days. I only had to show one piece of identification at the bank. God's secretary left a message on my answering machine that He was going to smite me — but forgot to leave His number. I also saved the city from an alien invasion with the help of that roving pack of super-models, Xena, Dana Scully, and Buffy, the Vampire Slayer.

Hey, look. If you want this to be interesting, you're going to have to work with me a little. OK?

My day of fame ended in typical fashion. I kissed my wife and children good night. I brushed the potato chips and crushed beer cans off the super-models and put said sleeping beauties into cabs for safe delivery to their respective homes. Then, at long last, I was able to do something *really* exciting: read and review a big heaping batch of great comic books.

Yes, every day is an adventure when you are America's most-beloved comic-book writer and columnist.

☞ Jason Asala's *Poe* (Cheese Comics; $2) is one of the best new comics on the racks. This amazing young creator has channeled his admiration for the works of Edgar Allan Poe into a quirky adventure series that will thrill and delight you. The "what if" premise of the series is this: After the death of Poe's young wife, the writer is confronted by an angel who tells him there is a chance he can be reunited with his beloved Lenore. But the path Poe must take is a dangerous one. He must face and defeat a dozen demons before his quest can be successful.

Poe makes an unlikely comic-book hero. He is haunted by his addictions and his sorrows. He is often ill-prepared for the horrors he must face. And, yet, as he moves through Asala's clever "alternate" versions of his own classic stories, Poe emerges as a courageous and determined protagonist.

Asala has published five issues of *Poe* since the fall of 1996, so he's off to a great start maintaining his planned nine-times-a-year schedule. *Poe* is available at fine comics shops everywhere.

If you don't happen to live near one of those shops, you can order a six-issue subscription to *Poe* for $14. As long as the supply holds out, which probably won't be too much longer the way the fans were snapping up *Poe* at the Motor City Con, you can include any of the back issues as part of your sub. Make your checks payable to: Cheese Comics, P.O. Box 103, Oak Creek, WI 53154.

(A special *Tips* thank you to my buddy Paul Storrie. He told me *Poe* was good stuff and he was right.)

☞ John Ostrander has done something no other writer has ever done. He made me sorry to see *The Punisher* (Marvel Comics, $1.95) canceled. Yes, it's true this is not the first Punisher title to meet that fate. In fact, given that there are already rumors of a "new" Punisher series by another writer, it probably won't be the last. But Ostrander bought something different to the adventures of Frank Castle. He brought the element of surprise.

Ostrander's *Punisher* series lasted 18 issues. It began with the most unlikely of situations: Castle rescued from death by a Mafia family and being groomed to become the head of that family.

Ostrander made this most implausible of scenarios both believable and riveting. The readers couldn't be sure just what was going on in Castle's head, and that added to the suspense. Adding to *The Punisher*'s overall quality was sensational artwork by penciller Tom Lyle and inker Robert Jones.

The Punisher got a little off-track with a visit to the world of The X-Men, but, with his final two issues, Ostrander had started another intriguing story: an amnesiac Castle living in an abandoned church and instinctively continuing his mission. It's too bad the title had to be canceled with this situation unresolved. I didn't know where Ostrander was heading with it, but I was certain I would enjoy the ride.

Fortunately, there is prime Ostrander to be found elsewhere. He and artist Tom Mandrake have been holding court in the pages of *The Spectre* (DC Comics, $2.50) for more than 50 issues now, and it's still one of the most intense comic books around. There have been a lot of unexpected twists and turns, a few unfortunate "just-grit-your-teeth-and-bear-it" DC universe crossovers, and a consistent dedication to comics excellence. Recent issues have presented the conclusion of the epic "Haunting of America," as well as one of the best Batman-Joker stories of all time and the beginning of a new shocker, "The Haunting of Jim Corrigan."

The Spectre is one of my favorite comics. I'm looking forward to the next 50 issues. So should you.

☞ While they may not be quite as ground-breaking as his writing on *From Hell*, *Miracleman*, *Swamp Thing*, or *Watchmen*, Alan Moore's recent stories for *Supreme* (Maximum Press, $2.50) and *WildC.A.T.S* (Image, $2.50) have been among the most fun and inventive adventure comics to hit the stands of late. His Majestic story in *Wildstorm Spotlight* #1 (Image, $2.50) echoes the heart and sense of destiny of that revered Moore Superman story, the classic "Whatever Happened to the Man of Tomorrow?"

Will I be rereading these comics in years to come, as I do now with the works listed above? Beats me. But I'm certainly enjoying the heck out of them in the here and now. And, after a hard day's fighting side-by-side with super-models to safeguard the world as we know it, that's good enough for me.

See you next week.

Tony Isabella, "America's most beloved comic-book writer and columnist," will be desperately clinging to his one brief moment of fame as a special guest of the Mid-Ohio Mini-Con at the Comfort Inn North in Mansfield on Sunday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please be kind. This could be you someday.

If you want to send Tony comments, questions, or just about anything else of a non-perishable nature that you can manage to stick a stamp on, the address is: Tony's Tips, P.O. Box 1502, Medina, OH 44258. We'll leave a light on.

JUGGLING Multiple Titles

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'Dork' isn't

Evan Dorkin is a strange artist. From his work on *Bill & Ted's Excellent Comic Book* for Marvel to *Milk & Cheese*, *Pirate Corp$*, and *Hectic Planet* for Slave Labor, Dorkin has completed an extensive body of work over the past several years, much of it having the theme of extreme solutions to everyday problems.

Dorkin's theme is evident in *Dork* #4, recently released by Slave Labor. From the Addams Family-like "Murder Family" through the adventures of "Myron the Living Voodoo Doll" and on to "The Eltingville Comic Book, Science-Fiction, Fantasy, Horror, and Role-Playing Club"'s quest to stay awake throughout a 32-hour *Twilight Zone* marathon, Dorkin looks at life through a slightly distorted lens.

Dorkin's art complements the humor of his stories, and readers may find themselves laughing uncontrollably at one or more of the stories in every issue of *Dork*. It should come out more frequently.

Fortunately, Dorkin *does* have a new issue of *Milk & Cheese* scheduled to ship in June, and if you like that, you'll enjoy *Dork*, which has featured the adventures of the dairy products gone bad in the past.

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"Is computer painting better than computer coloring? That's like asking if a violin is better than a guitar."

*— Jeff Amano, **TaoLand** creator*

By Gary St. Lawrence

Before there was kung fu, there was *TaoLand*. Before there was *TaoLand*, there was Jeff Amano, a Shao-Lin black belt and 30-year veteran comics collector, who just happens to be one of the industry's computer-painted-comics artists.

TaoLand is Amano's look into the distant past, using the stories and folklore behind his martial arts training to create fictional tales of the origins of kung fu. Amano likes to refer to his stories as "Jackie Chan Meets the Planet of the Apes."

"*TaoLand* is a childhood dream come true," Amano said, visibly excited about the reactions his work is drawing from convention fans. "Every fanboy wants to create, draw, and produce his own comic book. *TaoLand* is a culmination of my love for comic book story-telling, martial arts, and painting."

Computer painting vs. computer coloring

Each single-story issue of *TaoLand* is created wholly on a computer, specifically, a Macintosh 8100 with 132 megabytes of RAM and a 2 gigabyte hard drive. Amano said he finds the Mac best suits his graphics and memory needs, although he is considering trading up to an NT system for its sheer processing speed.

"A lot of scenes in the recent issues of *TaoLand* are in 3-D as a base illustration which I paint over," Amano said. "Since kids and the adult computer generation are the main audience of this kind of art, they expect to see 3-D, high-resolution graphics, not basic two-dimensional art."

Many comic books these days are computer-colored. *TaoLand* is computer-painted, and Amano said the distinction is one of technique, not quality.

"To ask if computer painting is better than computer coloring is like asking if a violin is better than a guitar," he said. "The question of quality and excellence does not lie with the technique, but with the technician. There are some great computer colorists working today, and there are some lousy computer painters. But there is also a significant difference between the techniques of both arts."

Computer coloring is the digital replacement of old-fashioned color-separation, as an addition to hand-drawn line art that is manipulated as a graphic file. Computer painting is artwork that is completely created in the computer. In this respect, the computer coloring is secondary to the structure of the hand-drawn lines, whereas computer painting has no lines.

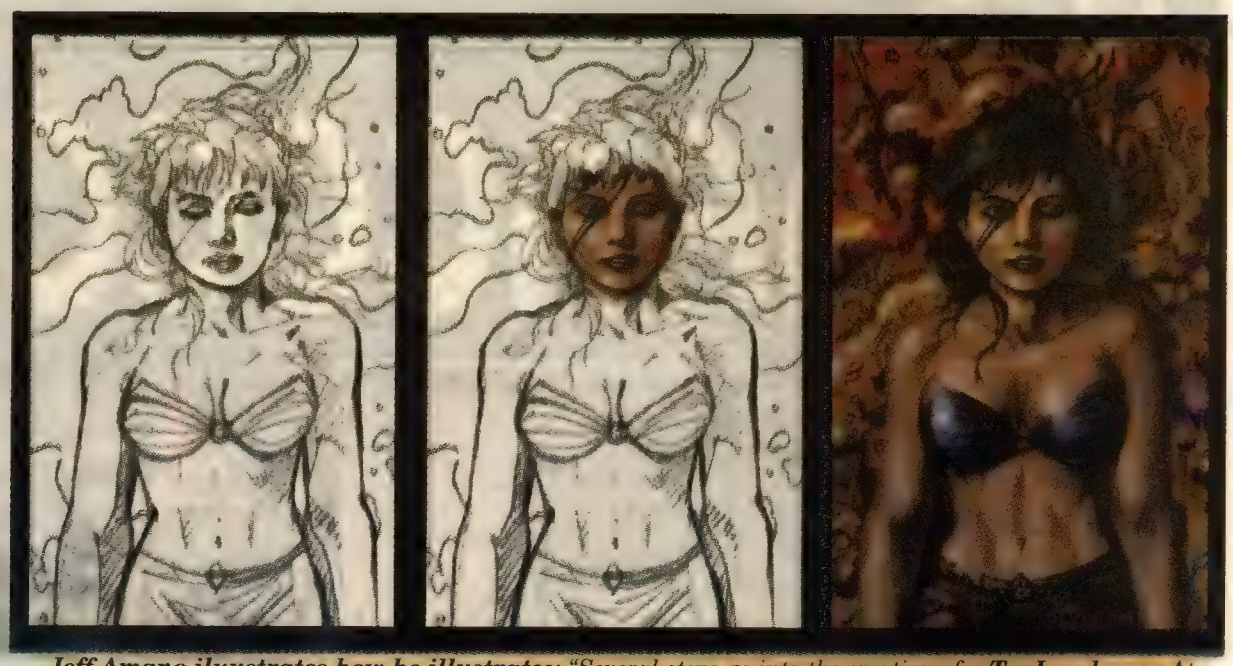
As with fully painted watercolors, acrylics, or oils, computer painting paints over the pencilled line art. In this sense, a computer-colored work is like a high-tech coloring book, filling in colors within the pre-drawn lines.

"It's much more sophisticated, for sure, and it's of significantly higher quality," Amano explained. "But the analogy still holds true."

Amano said computer painting, like other forms of painting, can be layered and, therefore, present a better illusion of textures. This is why, even in some of the best computer-colored works, all materials seen in the work have the same feel and texture.

"Metal looks like metal," Amano said. "But Spandex also looks like metal. Even flesh looks like metal. This is because most computer coloring uses a very basic structure of line art, with gradated mid-tones to a highlight."

Skilled computer colorists get around this problem by coloring or fading the lines. Special effects are often used to add depth to an image. But Amano said it would be very difficult for a computer colorist to get the same kind of realism, dimensionality, and subtlety of light sources that can be created



Jeff Amano illuustrates how he illustrates: *"Several steps go into the creation of a **TaoLand** page. At above left are the pencils from a single panel. They're scanned into the computer at 300 dpi. The second panel above shows how I paint in layers on the computer to try to avoid the typical 'computery' look. The final painted panel appears at above right. It's fitted into the final page, page 17 of **Taoland** #5, below."*

A real family business

All *TaoLand* master production is done "in-house," in the Amanos' Severe Reality Productions studios in Carrollton, Texas, and it's very much a family affair.

Jeff's wife, Debbie, is the shipping and production manager. 11-year-old Brandon is the idea man, often suggesting key plot points and character descriptions and even hand-drawing his character creations.

The Amanos' 14-year-old daughter, Kathleen, is the chief copy editor and script writer.

And 18-year-old Mandy, a professional commercial model, drama student, and aspiring actress, models for many of the *TaoLand* characters.

Jeff Amano welcomes direct feedback at:
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through a fully painted work.

"The big distinction between computer coloring and computer painting, at least to me, is the look and feel my finished pages have and the benefits of each technique. I'm not saying that computer painting is better than computer coloring, or that my stuff is better than a computer colorist's. It's just different."

The Tao of VRAM

Amano's creation process starts with thumbnails, which he then tightens by either hand-drawing his pages in pencil or drawing them directly on the computer. Hand-drawn pages are scanned into the computer and then painted, using a pressure-sensitive digital pen, varying the pen's point size and shape as necessary. Amano's elaborate painting process is borne of the skills he learned from his mother, a professional oil-paint muralist.

He then hangs each printed page along the walls of his office to get a feel for the story flow and action, changing page numbers as he feels the story visually dictates. Once the flow is determined, Amano rearranges the pages in the computer for the final masters.

Initially, it took Amano a full seven days to create and finish a page. With repetition comes speed, and pages are now "cranked out" in two days. Amano said he is hoping to eventually whittle down that time to a page per day, but, if it means sacrificing quality, he won't do it. In November 1996, Amano expanded *TaoLand* to 48 pages for issue #5, increasing his speed with little adverse affect on his craft.

TaoLand #5 is perfect bound and has a $5.95 cover price. "Since the bulk of cost for this kind of comic book usually comes from the colorist, and I'm the colorist," Amano said, "let's just say that you wouldn't want my work-to-salary ratio."

Amano had planned a massive "director's cut" trade paperback consolidating the early material but has determined to wait until demand increases. Instead, he will start over in October with a three-issue limited series, tentatively titled *TaoLand: Origins*. *Origins* will track back to the time period before the series started, Amano said, and will have a lighter look. *Origins* will release as three quarterly 28-page squarebound issues, all in color.

The "art-book" look

To contrast his work, Amano brings his finished pencil boards to conventions and then shows attendees the finished work in either an issue of the comic book, or a lithograph of a particular page or cover.

"People are amazed when they see the difference between the pencils and the painted work," Amano said proudly. "Right there is the reason I do what I do. I do this for the art and the sheer joy I get from doing it." Amano credited much of his style, and success, to his mentor — Gene Colan, whom Amano credits as an advisor in each issue of *TaoLand*.

"Our styles are somewhat similar and I wouldn't have it any other way," he said. "What Gene taught me was that, far more than from our computers or equipment, our art comes from the eye. I've never known another artist who was so adept as transferring an image from his eye to the page."

A former "standard art" storyboard artist and animator, Amano said his other comics and art influences include the Stan Lee/Jack Kirby *Thor* comics, "the perfect mix of myth and 'new myth,'" as he calls it.

"I've always wanted *TaoLand* to be considered an art book. I treat each panel as a piece of individual art, but that's not to say that I consider each panel a pin-up. I'd like to think that *TaoLand* could be a coffee-table book. As an 'art book,' many comic books can compare with coffee table art books. If you enjoy looking at the illustrated human form, where else are you going to find it in today's world? The days of da Vinci and Michelangelo, when the human form was the focus of the art world, are gone. The best artists of the human figure in this day and age are found in comic books. Check out the work being done by Simon Bisley, Dave DeVries, Jim Lee, David McKean, Dave Sim, and Gerhard. Those guys are the masters now."

The resolution of art in print is much higher than, say, film or video. So the quality of printed graphics is actually much better than what you see on a movie screen. Amano advised comparing the cost of an art book with the cost of a quality-produced comic book and assured that purchasers would find that the comics are the better deal.

"I like to think of *TaoLand* as an amusement park ride," Amano said, smiling contentedly with the cover of issue #4 in his hand. "People can jump on any time they want, take the ride over and over, and never have the same experience twice."

"The series was getting darker and darker. There's enough darkness out there, don't you agree?"
— Jeff Amano, TaoLand creator

A kinder, gentler *TaoLand*

After five admittedly dark issues of his comic-book series *TaoLand*, Jeff Amano has determined to lighten things up beginning with his new limited series, tentatively titled *TaoLand: Origins*.

"There's a very different look to the new art," Amano said, referring to the cover art for *Origins* #1 (at left), which features blue skies and a colorful landscape. It's a big change from earlier work, demonstrated in illustrations from 1996's *TaoLand* #5 (below and at lower left)..

"It's still painted digitally, but the series was getting darker and darker," he said. "There's enough darkness out there, don't you agree?

"Anyway, there was enough for me. So I'm going for a brighter look — still 'severe realism' [as implied in the company's name], but with a lighter, more fantasy-oriented tone. Kind of a 'Corben meets Disney' approach," he laughed.

Amano plans for issues of the new *TaoLand* series to be magazine-sized and squarebound with 48 pages. A limited edition print of the "Starting Over" art is also planned.

London Night INDIES

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— David Quinn

David Quinn sharpens his 'Razor'

By Rob Allstetter

*David Quinn is keeping the **Razor**'s edge. He took over as writer of London Night Studio's flagship character last summer and, despite plans for an all-ages approach to the character, has **Razor** back to her more mature roots.*

*It's very much in character for Quinn, dating from his early collaboration with Tim Vigil on **Faust** to a revamping of **Doctor Strange** for Marvel.*

*Quinn talked to **CBG** about **Razor**, his treatment for a **Tommi Gunn** movie, and plans for **Faust**.*

CBG: *The all-ages **Razor** didn't last long. What was the reason for the change?*

Quinn: It lasted long enough to plot three issues — a first issue to set up the new *noir* status quo, then a two-part super-hero and crime story. By the time I began my rewrite of the final scripts for #2 and #3, I learned the language had been unleashed into the domain of "mature readers," always a matter of interpretation, but the plots had been put down with all ages in mind. So #1 was all ages, #4 is mature, and #2 and #3 are an improvisation on the edge.

For now, the advisory label is on, and I don't have a problem with that, one way or another. I learned from my little experience in Hollywood that cutting films to get an R rating leads to ridiculous stunts and a lot of hypocrisy, that's for sure, but labelling a comic book "mature" just helps it get to the readers who are ready for it.

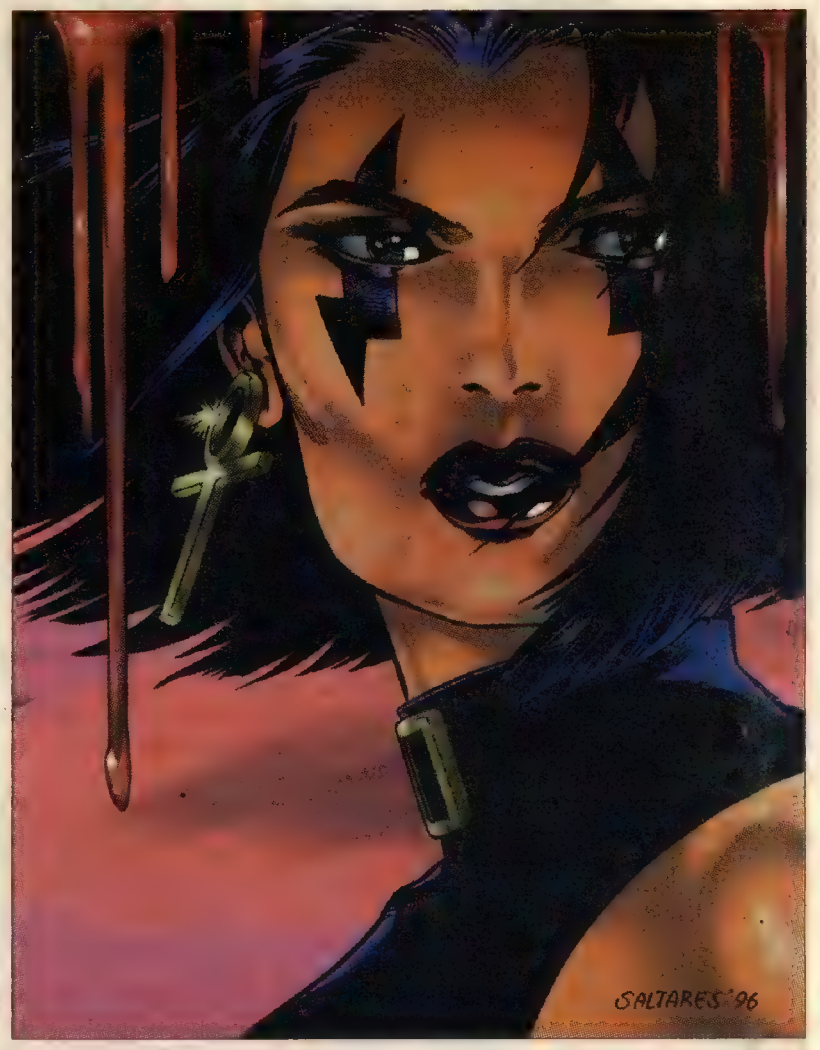
What was the reason? What a note to start on — OK, let's see if I can acquit myself on this one with clarity and brevity.

Historically, there had been a very vocal minority of London Night fans, retailers, and distributors who kept telling Everette Hartsoe that his character would never break into the mainstream — and, by that, I mean the mainstream of comics, which has more to do with what's "mainstream" to the glossy price guide reader than humans in the real world — *unless* he delivered an all-ages content.

We'll call them the "fix-it crew," because in nearly a decade of writing for comics, there's always been a loud crew that claims they won't support you until you "fix it," whatever that "it" may be that day.

So Everette tried it. When he asked me for 10 *Razor* stories for a prestigious new monthly, he wanted it to be suitable for all ages, a jump-start for the character. And sales on the first issue were phenomenal — for the current market. And the critical acclaim was positive. But hardcore fans felt something of the spine of the character was missing in the delivery.

And what happened to the "fix-it-crew?" Apparently, the folks who swore they'd embrace Razor if she "cleaned up" had already moved along to the latest fad and ignored the whole thing anyway. We had a hit on our hands in spite of no support from most of the so-called pundits.



***Razor** #1 had a wraparound chromium cover.*

Still, something about it felt forced and unnatural — and the question "Why?" started to scream back at us. Everette told me he knew the change wasn't going to work the first time he kicked back to really study my first completed issue. It's true, there was no sexual or violent content, no taboo language, nothing you wouldn't find on everybody's favorite barometer, prime-time TV. But the story was seriously gritty. It dramatized a parallel between addiction to drugs, addiction to love, and addiction to violence. The adult, or mature, undertones, were so much a part of the character that even when they weren't there, they were there!

I hadn't done anything as silly as I used to when I would do a crime story in *Doctor Strange* and the gangster tough guys would be saying "dirty words" like "crud." I mean, there were no Luke Cage "Sweet Christmas, Mama" imaginary cleaned-up epithets, but you could tell you were in a story where the language and visuals were being tamed artificially. I mean there was no way Razor could ever be Batman, do the things she does, and pretend to be healthy and mainstream and Comics Code.

Get this: Her life is gritty, she does some things that are just plain wrong, and she likes it that way.

She lives the life a comics heroine would live if she walked into the world of Schrader and Scorsese's *Taxi Driver*, not the world of Commissioner Gordon. So, by #4, we're back to *Razor* raw.

That's a self-contained story (as most of mine are this year) called "Rent Party," where we learn how a woman who doesn't have a job can afford to start a rehab clinic. Gotta get that money.

CBG: *What's your take on the Nicole Mitchell character?*

Quinn: She's one of the fiercest women in all comics fiction — and that says a lot. Every day she turns her pain and anger into something positive — or at least she tries. She puts it this way: "I'm Nicole Mitchell. But I'm Razor when I have to be." She doesn't want to be who she is. She works from that. Come to think of it, she

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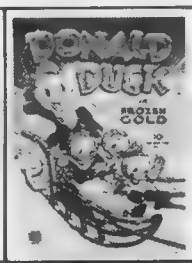
Lot #31 - Four Color #29
A nice, complete lower grade copy of classic Barks' Donald Duck's Mummy Ring! Cover is detached from interior pages, many creases, small tears, and spine roll. Pages are lightly tanned with absolutely no brittleness. A well worn copy that would make a great filler at a super price! We'll call it G-. Opening Bid $200



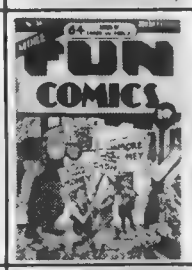
Lot #32 - Four Color #62
Frozen Gold! Donald Duck by Barks! Stupidly low reserve! You haven't bid on this one yet??!! Stone solid VG with decent OWL 7.5 pages! Opening Bid $150

Lot #33 - Human Torch #16
Extremly busy Schomburg cover shows our hero's demolishing Tokyo Oil Refinery! This copy has some light spine resto at top of spine, a bit of color touch, and a small chip out at bottom of spine. Pages show tanning, and first wrap has a bit of chippiness at top margin area. Pencilled arrival date. VG apparent. Opening Bid $140

Lot #34 - Human Torch #38
Hard to find last ish of run! This one's got some water damage at spine, color fade on spine, and chipping along the right edge. Decent pages finish off this very acceptable copy that looks better than actual grade of G/G+ Opening Bid $50

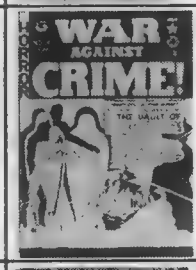
Lot #35 - Marvel Mystery #38
Syd Shores WWII Nazi cover! 1" spine split near bottom and the rest is just normal wear. Pages again sport a Timely Tan, but are decent and pliable. Cover colors strong and pleasing! Overall VG-. Opening Bid $200

Lot #36 - More Fun #16
Cover is clearly split 100%, but the cover is FINE+ with deep rich colors that will blow your mind! Super off-white pages, too! RARE book, featuring Dr. Occult appearance! Restore it to VF or leave as G/VG!
Opening Bid $900



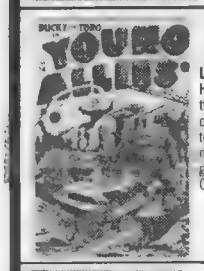
Lot #37 - More Fun #39
Classic Xmas cover theme on this tough pre-hero ish! Some foxing along right edge of cover, and some large interior tears on 2 pages, easily sealed. Nice VG+.
Opening Bid $300

Lot #38 - Plastic Man #2
Stunning high grade VF/NM copy of red-hot ittie! EVERYONE it seems was looking for these books at Detroit! Great off-white pages, and super eye-appeal, you'd better bid early on this one!
Opening Bid $500

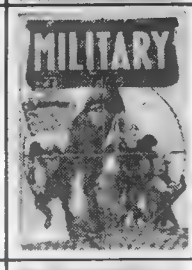


Lot #39 - War Against Crime #11
What can I say? Only the 2nd best copy in the entire WORLD! 1st horror cover in comics, Gaines documentation attached to fortress. This MINT 99 can be had for a lot less than you might think! Opening Bid $1800

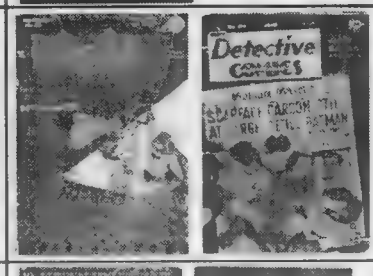
Lot #40 - Spy Smasher #1
Key Fawcett book with cool cover of Nazi rat getting drilled! Lower right corner (½") pc missing, small chip out at bottom of spine, 1" pc missing on back cover. Pages lightly tanned but still supple. Light water damage to lower right corner of book. Cover with gloss and lots of reflectivity! Still a G+.
Opening Bid $200



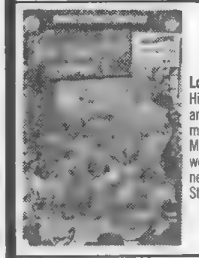
Lot #41 - Young Allies #14
Hooded Nazi creeps get tossed in the drink on this busy Schomburg cover! Just some average wear, 1" tear at right edge of front cover, nice OWL 7.5 pages and you've got the picture! Nice VG.
Opening Bid $100



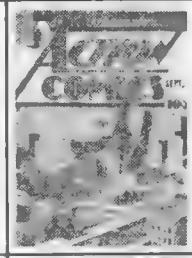
Lot #42 - Military #27, 36, 43
Nice assortment of early Blackhawk appearances, these books are all about VG. All with decent supple pages, and no major defects. #27 and #36 with cool inspiring covers!
Opening Bid $120



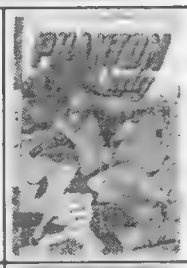
Lot #43 - Batman #46/Detective #136
Here's a couple of great black background covers for you Bat fans! Bat #46 with prison spotlight on our heroes, and Tec #136 with Bat putting the kibosh on Scarface! Pages OWL 7 and supple on both books. Both VG-. Opening Bid $140



Lot #44 - Star Spangled #121
High grade VF- copy of Revolutionary cover featuring Tomahawk! Not much in the way of defects here! Minor staple rust, very light spine wear and a small ¼" spot of foxing near the right edge of the cover. Strong copy! Opening Bid $80

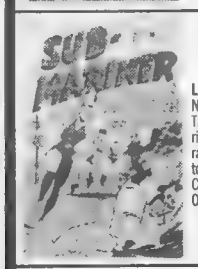


Lot #45 - Action #28
Stunning cover and overall appearance of FN- of another hot early Action! Book looks F+ but has (2) 1" square pieces of brown paper tape at top and bottom of spine. Interior of covers show some browning; pages strong OWL 7-8!! Opening Bid $200

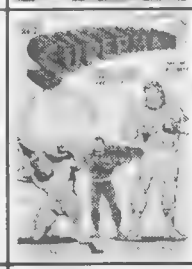


Lot #46 - Phantom Lady #21
Crime Never Pays! and who's to artgue with the Queen of Headlights? This copy shows general wear, mostly on the spine, with OWL 7 pages showing at bit of tanning in margin area Book is slightly off register. VG-. Opening Bid $150

Lot #47 - Planet #33 and #39
Leggy and Sexy!! Both are Renee covers, and man could she draw gals! Check the Gerber on these and you'll see what I mean! #33 has small chew at lower right corner ow/FN, #39 a rock-solid FN+.
Opening Bid $200



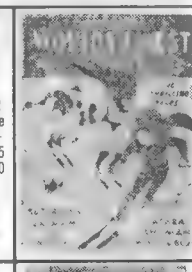
Lot #48 - Sub-Mariner #27
Namora cover on this classic gem! Tape-pull on crooks mug at lower right corner keeps this from VG range. Pages OWL 7-7.5, and a touch of glue at both staples. Comes in at G+.
Opening Bid $75



Lot #49 - Superman #28
Supes, Atlas and Hercules all on the same cover?? You bet! And super-strong off-white pages to boot! Small ½" staple tear at bottom staple, this one's got a bright yellow cover with light wear! Pretty VG+! Opening Bid $125

Lot #50 - USA #16
Cap leaping off motorcycle cover by none other than A. Schomburg! Staple tear, and cover barely attached to interior, this copy still has a nice cover and eye-appeal. Pages lightly tanned but not brittle. G+.
Opening Bid $75

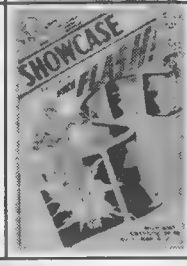
Lot #51 - Wonder Woman #22
Our heroine bursts out of the cover riding a rocket! Nice VG+ looking copy with supple OWL 7.5 pages. Opening Bid $80



Lot #52 - World's Finest #4
Bats, Supes, and Robin ski down this cover of early popular title! Foxing along spine, 1" crease at upper right corner, store stamp in unobtrusive spot Pages beige and supple Still a VG-
Opening Bid $180

Lot #53 - Zago #2
More headlights on this adveturous underwater cover with hungry crocodile about to feast on our gal! High grade F/VF copy has light spine wear (¼" stress lines) and off-white to cream pages. ½" corner crease. Opening Bid $150

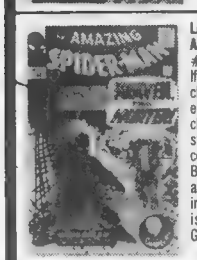
Lot #54 - Amazing Spider-Man #1
One of the 3 most popular Silver Age books, this copy has a somewhat faded cover, and some spine wear However, there is NO chipping, and only a tiny ¼" corner crease! OWL 7 pages, this VG is a solid bargain!
Opening Bid $800



Lot #55 - Showcase #4
THE all-time book of the Silver Age! 1st App. of SA Flash and a MUST if you're a Silver collector! This copy has some minor creases, a bit of spine wear, and decent pages. Would restore to VF/NM, but I'd leave it as VG-!
Opening Bid $1700

Lot #56 - Fantastic 4 #1
Other than AF #15, this is Marvel's most historical book of the Silver Age! Nice lower grade copy with general wear (creases, some chips, spine wear), but an attractive cover and nice pages! G+. Opening Bid $600

Lot #57 - Amazing Spider-Man #2
Sharp copy of tough Vulture cover! No chipping at all, and just a touch of edge wear along the top keeps this baby from VF! Spine with minimal wear and tight. Strong off-white to cream pages! This is a winner! Comes in at a FINE.
Opening Bid $350

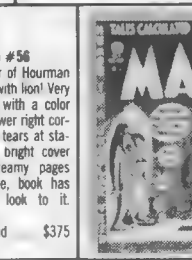


Lot #58 - Amazing Spider-Man #15
If not for 1 dinky ⅛" chip along the right edge, we're talking close to NM on this stunning high grade copy of the first Kraven! Bold, shocking colors and crisp spine. Near impossible to find this ish in this grade! Grades VF. Opening Bid $200

Lot #59 - Amazing Fantasy #15
Here's your chance to acquire Marvels #1 key at a very affordable price! Tape on spine and cover edges and faded marker initials on front cover, this copy has OWL 8 pages and NO CHIPPING! Grades a G+.
Opening Bid $500

Lot #60 - Xmen #1
Mutants begin in the Marvel Universe with this all-important ish! This copy has some creasing and edge wear. Fresh pages, too! Solid VG-.
Opening Bid $300

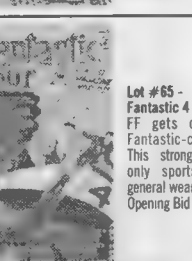
Lot #61 - Brave and Bold #1
Scarce 1st ish of great title! Nice FN looking copy, but tiny pin hole on back cover. Front cover very strong and attractive, and pages decent OWL 7.5 Decent VG copy.
Opening Bid $300



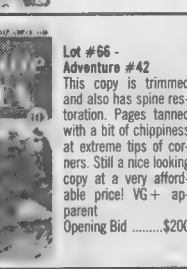
Lot #62 - Adventure #56
Neat cover of Hourman wrestling with lion! Very nice copy with a color flake at lower right corner, small tears at staples, and bright cover colors Creamy pages are flexible, book has nice flat look to it. FN/FN+
Opening Bid $375

Lot #63 - Mad #1
Still way undervalued, this key EC is a blue-chip investment! This copy has a small ¼" rip thru spine and lightly tanned pages. Nice cover and flat appearance to book! Grades VG
Opening Bid $500

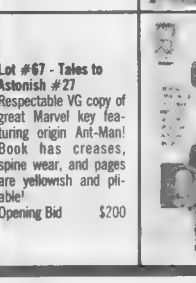
Lot #64 - Fantastic 4 #1
This G- copy has considerable wear and a 1" piece missing along the right edge. Chipping along edges, and creasing. Well worn but complete with decent paper! Will always be Marvels real key!
Opening Bid $400



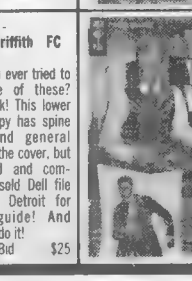
Lot #65 - Fantastic 4 #3
FF gets costumes! Fantastic-car cover! This strong VG copy only sports average general wear.
Opening Bid $150



Lot #66 - Adventure #42
This copy is trimmed and also has spine restoration. Pages tanned with a bit of chippiness at extreme tips of corners. Still a nice looking copy at a very affordable price! VG+ apparent
Opening Bid $200



Lot #67 - Tales to Astonish #27
Respectable VG copy of great Marvel key featuring origin Ant-Man! Book has creases, spine wear, and pages are yellowish and pliable!
Opening Bid $200



Lot #68 - Andy Griffith FC #1252
Have you ever tried to find one of these? Good luck! This lower grade copy has spine wear and general wear on the cover, but is sound and complete! I sold Dell file copy at Detroit for 2xNM guide! And hated to do it!
Opening Bid $25

Lot #69 - Wild, Wild West #1
Was there anyone cooler than Jim West? And don't forget Artemus Gordon! This stunning VF/NM copy has a tiny spine stress/flake, otherwise it would be NM Tough to find, and near impossible in this grade!
Opening Bid $50

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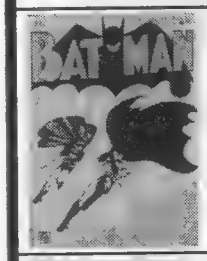


Lot #0 - Batman #1
The highlight of the auction, this VG+ copy has spine restoration and light color touch. CF also reinforced. Pages lightly tanned but supple. Cover has real nice eye-appeal, and book is tight and solid. 1st appearance of Joker! Opening Bid $5000

Lot #1 - Action #6
Bid and bid early on this Unrestored early ish of all-time classic title! 1st App. Jimmy Olsen, this copy has a 1½" spine split at the bottom of the spine, and OWL 7.5 supple page quality! A blue-chip investment! 2½" crease at upper right corner Rock solid VG! Opening Bid ...$2000

Lot #2 - Action #11
Just a bit of spine work and color touch finish off a stunning copy of a classic early Action cover! Bold, rich colors and nice creamy pages, with an overall tight, flat appearance. VF- apparent Opening Bid $500

Lot #2A - Action #18
Guardineer's classic bi-plane cover thrills on this well read but decent copy! Spine has considerable wear and small chips missing, but cover is attached and paper is OWL 7 and flexible! Overall G+/VG- Opening Bid $300

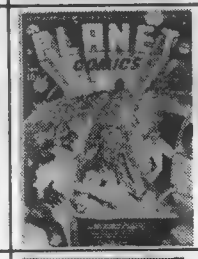
Lot #3 - Detective #4
RARE, RARE, RARE sums up this VG copy of highly desirable early ish! Cover has book length fold, and some small ½" tears at staple area Pages nice and supple; cream colored. Insides of covers snow-white, and front cover colors have deep, rich quality. I estimate less than 12 UNRESTORED copies in existence. You may never have another chance to buy this book unrestored, if at all! Opening Bid $2000

Lot #4 - Detective #19
Just a tear seal on this tough to find pre-Bat Tec! Nice supple OWL 7.5 pages. These pre-Bat Tec's have been selling at multiples of guide, so grab this one while you can! FN- apparent. Opening Bid $900

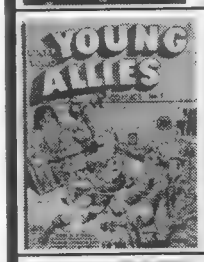
Lot #5 - Detective #34
Scarce pre-Robin Detec. with mod. restoration to spine by Wilson. This copy has strong OWL 8 pages. Cover has rich colors and book has exceptional apperance! Last non-Batman cover on this title! Apparent VF. Opening Bid $500

Lot #6 - Detective Comics #38
Here's the opportunity you've been waiting for!! Ultra-key issue with 1st app. of Boy Wonder! Book has amateur restoration to spine, color and some pieces replaced. A sound, collectible copy and very affordable! VG apparent.
Opening Bid $2000

Lot #7 - Sensation #1
This has got to be one of the HOTTEST books around! 2nd app Wonder Woman, this attractive copy would actually grade VG but for a 1" spine split Decent supple pages, and totally unrestored! Overall VG-
Opening Bid . . . $2000

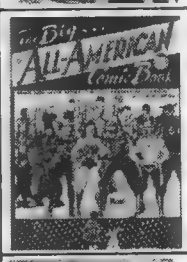


Lot #8 - Planet #1
Thus begins the Lou Fine classic covers on this ever-popular run! This scarce first ish boasts strong off-white pages, and an extremely appealing cover! Just some minor average wear; this is a beauty! VG/FN.
Opening Bid $2000



Lot #9 - Young Allies #1
Simon & Kirby cover! Red Skull, Cap, Torch! Hitler cover! Do I need say more??? This book has been steadily rising for the past couple of years, and it's no wonder! Lightly tanned pages and general wear on this nice lower grade, solid copy! Call it G/VG
Opening Bid $900

Lot #10 - All American #17
2nd app of Green Lantern and a darned rare book, too! This copy has spine restoration and some color touch, but looks very presentable with nice creamy pages! Low reserve makes this a good choice! This book took HUGE jump in new guide! Apparent VG.
Opening Bid $800



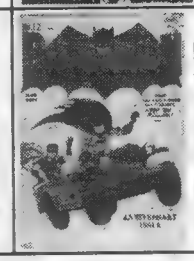
Lot #11 - Big All American #1
Wonder Woman! Flash! Green Lantern! Atom! Hawkman! Johnny Thunder! Can you believe all this and more packed in this rare 132 pager! Very reasonable reserve on this classic book! Just some general wear and decent OWL 7 pages Nice G/VG
Opening Bid $750

Lot #12 - Shield Wizard #1
Just a bit of light spine restoration finishes off this knock-out copy of great MLJ comic! Patriotic flag cover and origins of Shield and Wizard! This one's sure to please! VF apparent
Opening Bid $450

Lot #13 - Exciting #9
Very SCARCE ish featuring 1st Black Terror! This spectacular VF copy has been cleaned and pressed, with a tiny corner nick out at the lower right corner OWL 8 pages; this is a cherry! 20% increase in new guide!
Opening Bid $2000

Lot #13A - All American #23
These early Green Lantern covers are HOT, and this classic GL in action cover is no exception! Book looks FINE, but has 2" spine split at bottom of spine Tiny ⅛" chip at lower right corner tip. Pages OWL 7 and supple! VG Opening Bid $300

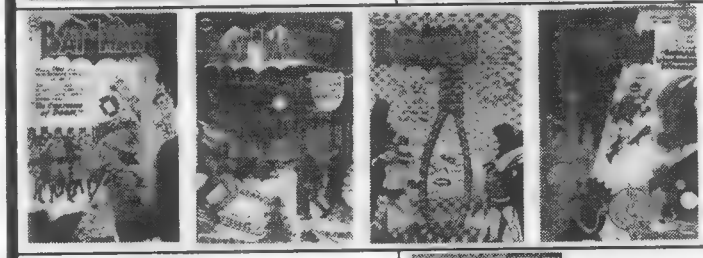
Lot #14 - Batman #7
Bullseye! Does anyone NOT like this cover?? This G+ copy has general wear with some tiny edge tears, creases and decent cream colored pages. A nice, lower grade copy, these early Bat's still going strong!
Opening Bid $200



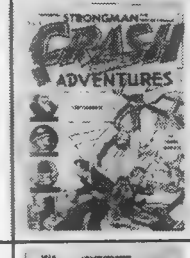
Lot #15 - Batman #12
The always popular Jeep cover!! This copy looks VG+ but has several small ¼" edge tears along the right edge, and also has tears at margin area at spine of the CF and adjoining 3 wraps. Appears to be some kind of printers defect as pages are a supple OWL 7.5. 1" tear at top staple. Cover has rich, deep colors! Grades G/VG.
Opening Bid $175

Lot #16 - Batman #23
Super-Classic Joker chess game cover!! This is a strong copy with OFF-WHITE OWL 8-9 pages! Book has light sub-crease holding it back from FINE grade. Spine has ¼" silver-fish chew at top of spine (cover only). Very attractive cover colors and images! VG/VG-
Opening Bid $200

Lot #17 - Batman #28
Bat socks creep in jaw!! A nice, run-of-the-mill VG copy with OWL 7.5 pages. ¼" chip at top and bottom of spine. Lower staple is slightly pulled away from book. Cover looks much nicer than overall grade! Opening Bid $95

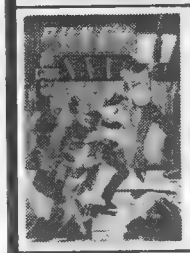


Lot #18 - Batman #41, 67, 78, 85
Nice assortment of early classic Batman books! #41 G/VG and has cool alien cover! #67 also G/VG, #78 VG-, and #85 is VG. Opening Bid $100

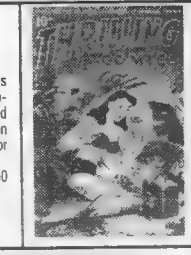


Lot #19 - Crash #4
Rare book featuring 1st App. of Catman! Simon & Kirby display their awesome talents in this nice VG copy. Gerber rates this a "7". Very hard to find; you don't see this one come on the market! Nice supple pages and just some general wear (creases, minor edge wear, etc.). Opening Bid $400

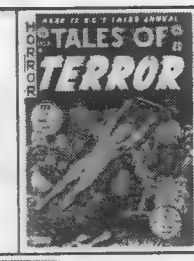
Lot #20 - Catman #27
Patriotic L.B. Cole cover that is sizzling! This sweet copy has a bindery nick at the top of the spine, and boasts nice creamy, supple paper! Staple tear at lower staple, book is flat and tight! Bright colors, too! Nice FINE! Opening Bid $200



Lot #21 - Punch #18
Chesters' are WHITE HOT, and this NM/copy will blow you away! Unobtrusive pencilled name on cover and a hard to detect dust shadow on bottom edge are all you'll find for defects! Truly stunning!
Opening Bid $250

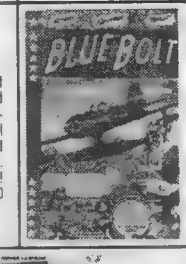


Lot #22 - Thrilling #68
Is there anything better than a Schomburg Xela airbrush cover? How about a VF/NM copy?? Stop drooling and start bidding!
Opening Bid $225

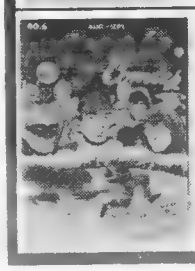


Lot #23 - Tales of Terror Annual #3
Exceptional VF+ copy of big EC squarebound! Practically impossible to find in this grade, this copy has a light reading crease near the spine, and an awesome torture/bondage cover!
Opening Bid $500

Lot #24 - Blue Beetle #54
My all-time favorite good girl cover! Book has spine wear and some very minor soiling, but is actually much nicer than overall grade of G/VG Pages OWL 7.5 and supple. ¼" rip thru book at spine. Complete and very collectible!
Opening Bid $100



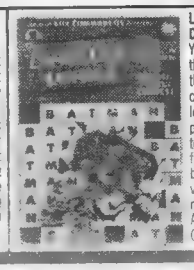
Lot #25 - Blue Bolt #103
L.B. Cole cover graces this popular issue of classic series! Book would really be a VF, but lower corner at spine has impacted "crimp". Pages lightly tanned, but no brittleness. Cover colors (especially the blues!) bold and rich! Staples show some rust, but are sound. Pretty FINE+
Opening Bid $100



Lot #26 - All Star #6
Johnny Thunder Joins JSA! Nice G/VG copy with basic wear, and cream colored page quality This run has really heated up in the last 2 years, these books still a bargain! Grades G/VG
Opening Bid $175

Lot #27 - All American #26
Origin of Sargon! These earlier issues of this ever-popular run are still a bargain hunters paradise, and a great investment, too! Again, just general wear with flexible pages. G/VG
Opening Bid . ..$175

Lot #28 - Detective #140
This book caught fire last year and is red-hot! 1st app. of Riddler, this copy has a 1" spine roll a small tear at top of spine and tear at right edge, and small chip at right edge Real nice creamy pages! A solid VG of a nice key book!
Opening Bid $50



Lot #29 - Detective #142
You almost NEVER see this issue for sale, and this very lightly restored copy has a real sharp look that is sure to please! Very light color touch and tiny tear seal finish off this flat, tight book. Cover colors are vibrant, and pages are nice and supple OWL 7. Apparent VF+
Opening Bid $20

Lot #30 - Detective #126 and #165
Great opportunity to acquire a couple of nice copies of 50s Tec! #126 FN- and has hilarious Penguin cover! #165 rock-solid FINE. Opening Bid .. $200

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— David Quinn

RAZOR
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has a lot in common with Andrew Vachss' Burke or Derek Raymond's nameless inspector. She'd be a normal person if she could only pretend that the predators weren't out there.

Her stories are short — 20 pages — and by the nature of the character and the marketplace right now, I'm trying to make them, well, not insultingly stupid, but more straightforward than my *Faust* or *Doctor Strange* stories that seemed to confuse the casual reader. I mention that because it's a challenge for me, and, if it's working, then it's part of the tale: Done in One, as they say. Read one issue — #1, #4, and #5 stand out — and you know my take.

CBG: *What kind of stories do you have planned for* ***Razor****?*

Quinn: Gritty. Hard. Soulful. Sexy. Complete in one issue.

CBG: *How would you describe the style of* ***Razor****?*

Quinn: Heroism through a very black lens. If *Razor* were a one-shot film or novel, I'd write it like a modern tragedy. It would be relentlessly black. Nicole Mitchell would be one of those in the gutter, but scraping for the stars, to paraphrase — who was it, Oscar Wilde's? — old take on Dante. She wouldn't survive the story. Her fatal flaw would drag her down. The thing that makes her human, a woman, and not simply a raging murder junkie, would be the one thing that kills her.

But *Razor*'s framed as a serial fiction; even the TV show deal is aimed at maintaining some kind of status quo at the end of every adventure. Besides, I get to do that other story in *Faust: Love of the Damned* and another upcoming project I'm developing, *777: The Wrath*, which have definite endings. So it's black, but the tragic end keeps being postponed by little victories, sometimes phyrric.

CBG: *What is the* ***Stryke*** *miniseries about?*

Quinn: It's about to be late if I don't shut up. Seriously, people who dig it will call it fast-moving, mad, and a little bit sexy. People who snub it will call it hectic, mad, and sad, "Bad Girl" dreck. Get the picture? Hide this book from your PC friends and people who cannot take a joke, because I'm turning the "Bad Girl" thing on its head. It's a vehicle for my madness and an itch I don't always get to scratch, character-wise. Over-the-top violence, absurdity, crazy post-modern villains — you know, all the reasons the comics industry no longer trusts me with a polite and tidy little monthly series.

Stryke is an insane assassin, a fatal attraction like you wouldn't believe. If this paper didn't go out to fifth graders, God bless the readers of tomorrow, I'd use stronger language.

You thought you knew "Bad Girls." You started to dis them. Well, "Bad Girl" just doesn't do this force of nature justice. I'd be surprised if *Stryke* doesn't outsell *Razor*.

Here's an example of the madness: I've had this over-the-top fantasy (probably stemming from Faster Pussycat James Bond dementia) that, if I ever did an action comic book with a satirical edge, I'd have to send the heroine through Miami to Bikini Assassin Training Camp. Originally, it appeared in a play I did in the East Village in the '80s, then it landed in *Ultimate Stryke!* Apparently, there's an actual comic book out there with a similar title (hey, great title; if you're reading this, I'd love to see your comic book), and the creators got in touch with the publisher to make certain we weren't using the Bikini in the name of a book. Fortunately, I never used it that way; it only appeared in my "Next issue" box.

Best of all, long-term fans get to see a new ripple on the Razor-Stryke relationship. It's sick and very dramatic.

Stryke

CBG: *You wrote the treatment for London Night's* ***Tommi Gunn*** *film. Can you tell us about that?*

Quinn: Everette challenged me to explain why a woman who looks like she does — summon up an image of actress Heather Parkhurst here — runs around blowing holes in things, so I gave him my ideas, and he approved them and said, "Write it!" He's got me down to write the screenplay, if all goes well, in an effort to keep the thing in-house. It's another crazy story where the kinetic action is buoyed up by a real human spirit and an irreverent dash of humor and Everette is calling it the *Barbarella* of the '90s.

CBG: *Do you have anything else planned in film and theater?*

Quinn: I've been too busy to write any new plays. *Nightvision* and *Faust* attract attention, especially *Faust*, but the first production Tim Vigil and I had going with Stuart Gordon never secured full funding. Jokers from Hollywood continue to approach us, but that's just talk. To tell you the truth, I've become resigned to breaking into film via work-for-hire. My first indy feature is going before the cameras this year — it's a vampire thing I can't tell you much about yet.

CBG: *Will you ever return to* ***Doctor Strange*** *and Marvel Comics?*

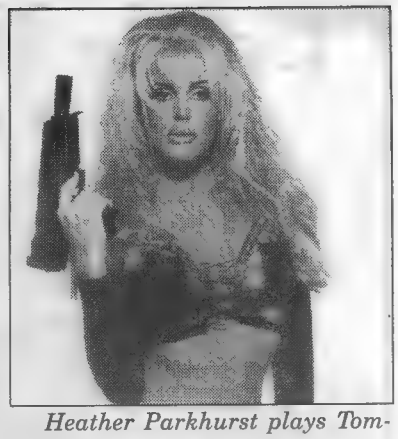
Quinn: I've said I would, if I know when the story begins and ends, so it won't be aborted in midstream like the last one I did. I haven't gotten the call, though, to be honest, I still think my idea was sound and totally current: What if a healer used the most corrupt life, the most venal corporation to save the world from infestation by the disease?

CBG: *Do you have a sequel planned to last year's Marvel miniseries* ***Carnage: It's a Wonderful Life****?*

Quinn: Hypothetically, it's called *Carnage's Children*. But the answer is no. I'm kind of waiting on my friends on staff at Marvel, hoping that all factors make the company a brave, or at least relevant, producer of comics once again. It could happen, folks.

CBG: *Vertigo and Helix would seem natural territory for you. Have you any plans to develop series for them?*

Quinn: I've been talking to editorial folk at Vertigo since before it was Vertigo. I had work published by, and some produced for but never published by, DC's Piranha Press. But the two things I've suggested to them have, for reasons too personal to mention here, been very slow to come into the pipeline. I just work on them when there's someone there on the other end to get 'em.



Heather Parkhurst plays Tommi Gunn.

CBG: *What about the comic book that made you notorious in the first place,* ***Faust****? Will we ever see a conclusion to the "Love of the Damned" storyline?*

Quinn: Oh, like I'm going to say no? *Faust* was originally going to wrap in 12 32-page acts. We know the basic story: I wrote the screenplay version in 1992, and the comic is just an elaboration of that. But things happen, you know? I finished a 60-page script between other commitments last year, delivering it to my partner in phases between May and October of '96.

I kept feeding Tim bunches of pages, we would talk about them, break them down, do different things with them, and challenge them all the way through, just like we do with every story, almost everything he or I do. But after he'd laid it out, we had an 80-page finale story. So, instead of one more, we're going to do two. He's been working on it since last May, so there's a lot of material in the works, but you won't see it until we're both satisfied with everything.

I'd say look for one 40-page issue around the end of this year and another one a year later. But you'll see something else that I won't talk about quite yet before that.

I'll let Chaos! Comics' Brian Pulido tell you about the story I just wrote at his suggestion. Then, in addition to my ongoing commitments and a few new comics in development, there are some new goals I've set for myself. I've been finishing more prose pieces as a warm-up to finishing the novels I start and abandon for the two-or-three-comics-a-month grind.

I've put time and thought into developing comics as a tool for literacy. That's a 9-year-old dream dating back to when I was teaching English at Brooklyn College to high-school grads who couldn't read. Whether I can set up a business structure to make it work is another question, isn't it?

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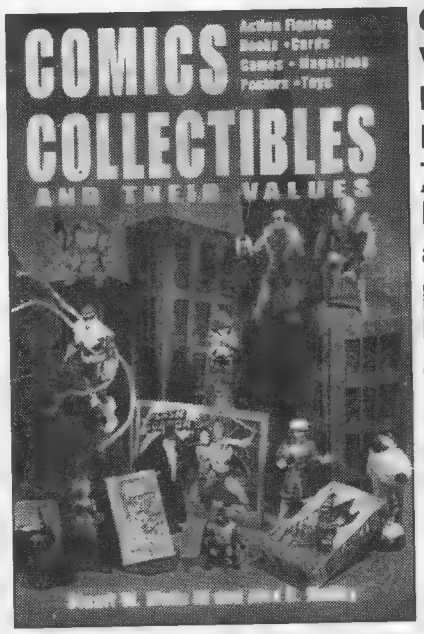

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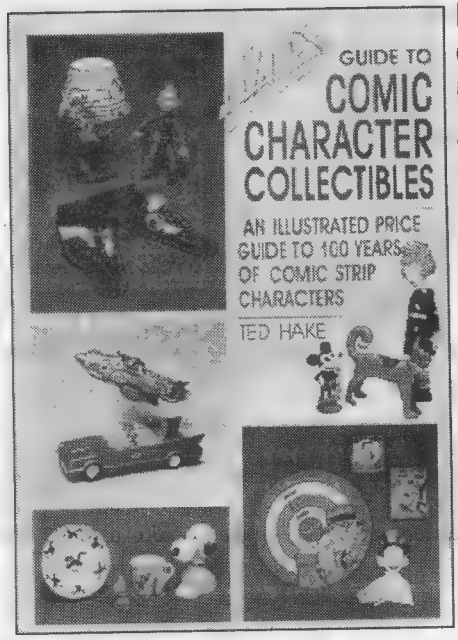

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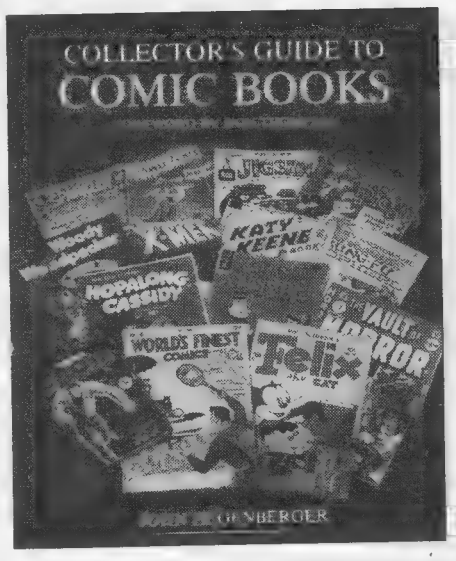

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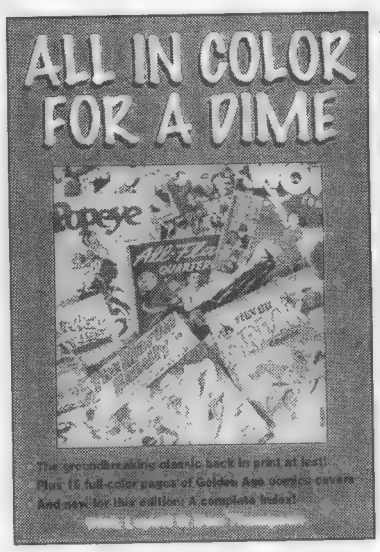

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The wait is over for 'The Waiting Place'

"I was totally freaked out when Dan Vado called and said he wanted to give *The Waiting Place* a try."
— Sean McKeever

By Steve Ginsberg

Sean McKeever's *The Waiting Place* appears at first glance to be yet another teen-angst story but on closer inspection reveals itself to be much more by examining how the residents of the small town of Northern Plains greet the cold winter morning in different ways.

McKeever said, "I originally looked at *The Waiting Place* as being a comic book where this small town was the main character and where each issue was completely stand-alone, with the possibility of a larger picture down the road. However, as I started to plot the first six issues, I found myself wanting to play more with these characters."

The conflicted emotions of McKeever's characters are a reflection of the title itself, which he said was inspired by the Dr. Seuss book *Oh, the Places You'll Go*.

"The Waiting Place in the comic book was the place where people spin their wheels and get lost, and that's how I felt living in the middle of nowhere with no prospects that looked good to me and no social life, so I took the title and I went from there," said McKeever.

McKeever said he watched some television to help create his ensemble cast. "I looked at shows like *ER* and *NYPD Blue* a lot to get an idea of the ensemble dynamic and how to tell a story about one person while still moving the other characters' plot lines along."

Armed with characters, story, and plots, McKeever said he then set about to find an artist or artists. "I can only doodle at best, but I was lucky enough to have met the Fraims (brothers Brandon and Brian) via a mutual friend, Ron Phillips, whom I met on CompuServe, and their work was just what I wanted.

"We went to work with the understanding that they'd commit to three issues, with the possibility of never being published and never being paid."

For McKeever, this is only the latest project born from a lifelong interest in comics.

"I've been into comics for as long as I can remember. I learned to read from *Amazing Spider-Man* and *Spidey Super Stories*. Comics have always been with me; they've always been a source of inspiration and comfort."

Not content to just read comics, McKeever added that he has always, in some way, been interested in *creating* comics, as well. "In third grade, my teacher let me write super-hero plays that I'd cast and direct and star in."

McKeever went quickly from these plays — and giving his family folded-up pieces of ruled paper with his own Marvel Team-Up stories on them as Christmas gifts — to sending a five-page submission to Marvel on poster board when he was 12.

"I was thrilled to get mail back, even though it was just a rejection notice and a form letter on how to submit to Marvel," he said.

Not one to be easily dissuaded, McKeever said he began to submit his work in earnest while attending the University of Wisconsin. "I developed a really nice stack of rejection notices in college. I sent in anything and everything — I was a madman!"

McKeever added that he had almost given up when, in a scene right out of *The X-Files*, a phone conversation with a reviewer gave him the confidence to continue.

Over the next few years McKeever found himself working in the family hardware business, retailing comics out of the back of the store. McKeever added that, just as he had been soured on comics due to a less-than pleasant collaboration with some friends, he met *Hellblazer*'s Paul Jenkins on the CompuServe Comics and Animation Forum. "I was really down and out and I pulled out of that slump due to the generous help of Paul. He'd look at my work, call me, and tell me to get all my red pens out. Paul was a wonderful mentor to me."

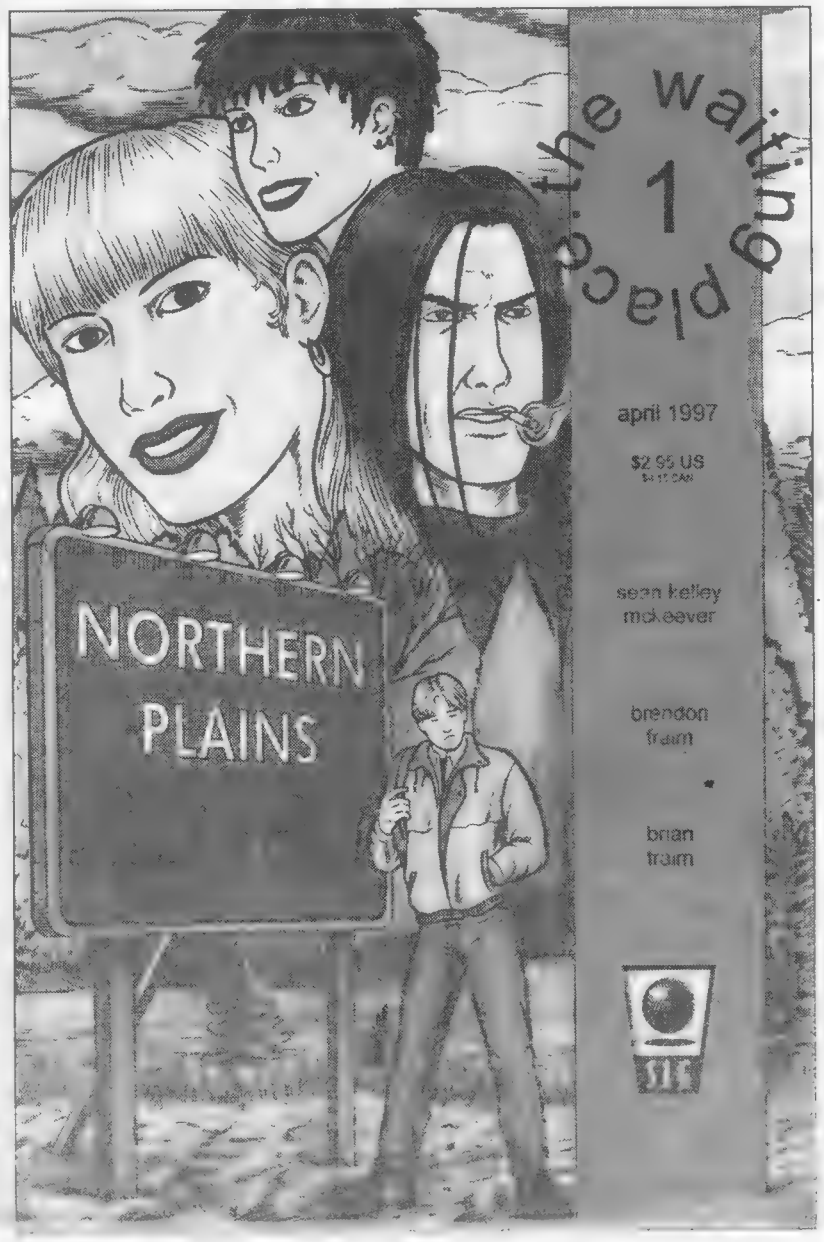
McKeever said he did a couple of short stories that appeared in Joe Pruett's *Negative Burn* anthology. "Feeling cocky and competent, I decided I'd write my own series at that point and either find a publisher or self-publish. I had this old concept around called *The Waiting Place* and I blindly shopped it around at the Comic-Con International: San Diego in '96," McKeever said.

After adding his work to the huge submission boxes on the tables of various publishers at the show, McKeever said he'd left feeling skeptical.

A couple of months went by with no response until he received a call from Slave Labor Publisher Dan Vado.

"I was totally freaked out when Dan called and said he wanted to give *The Waiting Place* a try," McKeever said. "The last method I thought would work was the blind submissions, but in the end, that's what paid off.

The Waiting Place #1 is a 24-page black-and-white title s[illegible] uled to ship in Apr[illegible] bor Gra[illegible]



In scenes from ***The Waiting Place*** *shown on this page, Lora shares her favorite drink with her friends (below), while Jeffry makes a new friend during his first day at a new school (upper right).*

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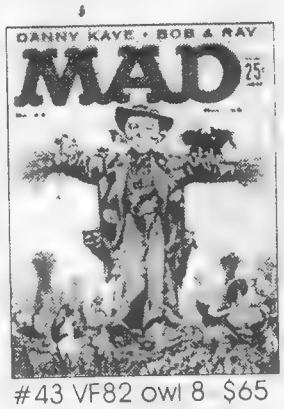

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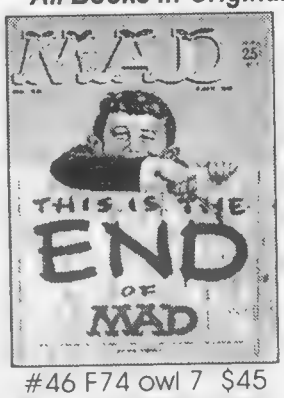

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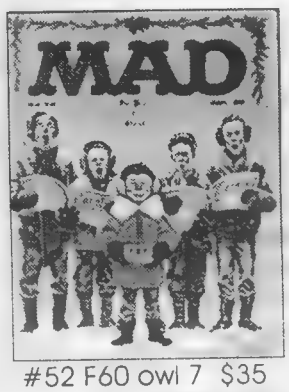

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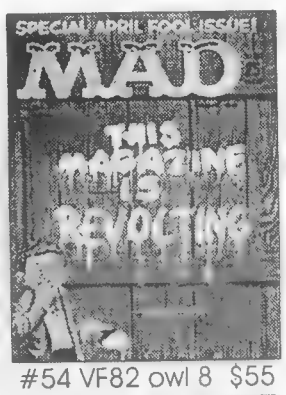

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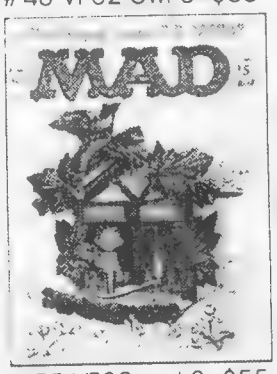

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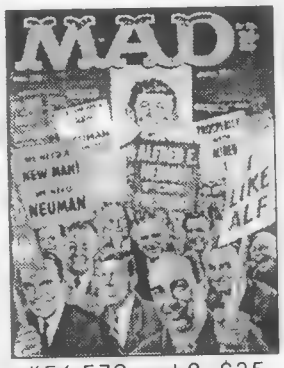

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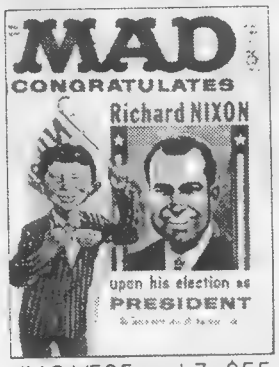

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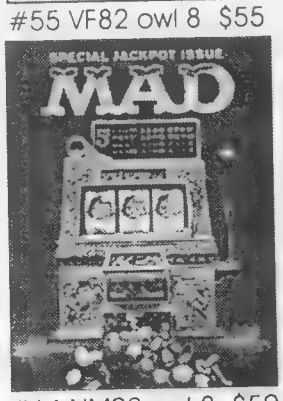

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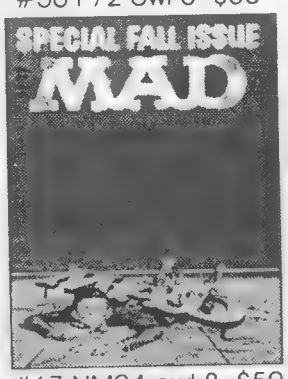

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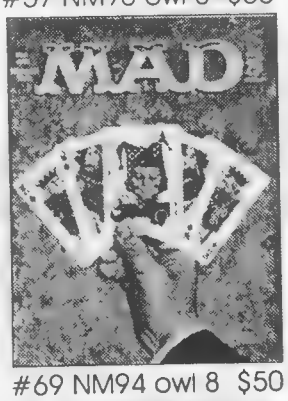

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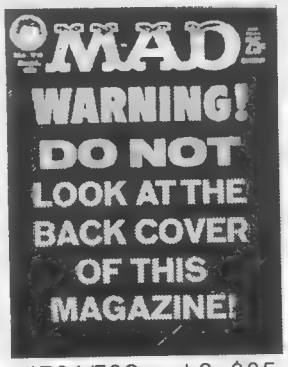

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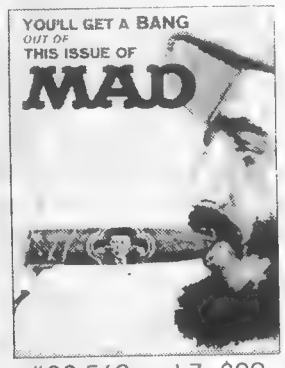

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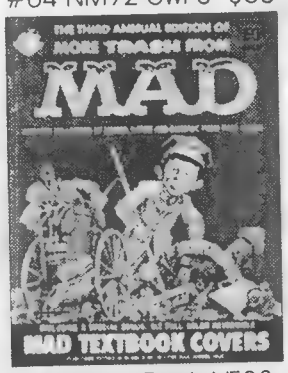

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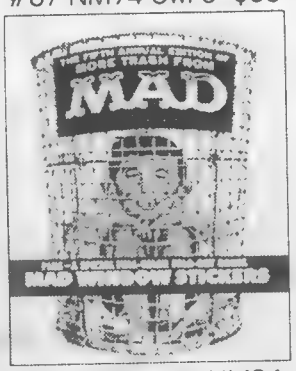

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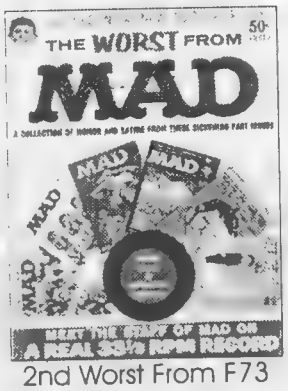

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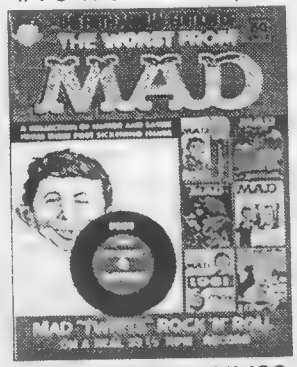

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By Maggie Thompson

• I don't believe I'd heard of ***Platinum Grit*** until now. According to the inside front cover, it's a reprint, "*Platinum Grit*'s first deliberate release in the United States." It's apparently been running for some time in Australia, and this is "Issue 1 & 2," priced at $3.50, from Dead Numbat Productions, P.O. Box 116, Paddington 4054 Australia (an address which seems to leave out the territory; as best as we've been able to work out, it's in New South Wales). The black-and-white title seems to be credited to Trudy Cooper, Danny Murphy, Doug Bayne, Roger Beames, and David James — and it's funny as anything. Being told by a wild woman that all Aquarians are going to die and by a letter from his Aunt Lotte that she's going to die, too ("The pipes are skirlin' the nicht, an poor guid Robbie Burns is a cupboard now on the downstairs landing, but for aa' that he'll no talk tae me." "She's a loop." "She's very old." "She's a dribbling tartan frothbucket.") — Jeremy (with his friend Nils) heads for Scotland. The plot quickly thickens, as crazed (and perhaps immortal) Cousin Dougal plans to kill Jeremy before Jeremy can inherit the family castle.

It's a generous package with frequent laughs for readers who go for acerbic farce, well-written dialogue, and plot twists and turns aplenty — not to mention a touch of fantasy here and there. (It opens with a couple of astrological signs arguing over whether they have free will, among other things.)

Readers who have a taste for this sort of thing should make a point of seeking the title out, because chances are it will not be easy to find. It *is*, however, well worth the hunt. **A.**

• Another issue not to be missed is ***Elfquest*** Vol. 2 #10 (Mar 97, Warp, black and white, $4.95). It's got a number of stories, but the opening six-pager is, yes, worth the $5 to readers who have the slightest interest in Elfquest or its creators — or want a closer insight into the relationships comics writers and artists have with their work — and their fans. "Dreamtime 1997" is intensely personal and revealing and deliberately so, as Wendy Pini (who wrote it, drew it, and even lettered it) talks with her creations about her life and theirs. If you care at all about Elfquest, you will find it moving. If you don't give a hoot about Elfquest, you can still glean insights from this depiction of the realities of the fantasy life of a writer and artist. And there's more on the inside back cover. And between those pages, there is a generous helping of 52 more pages of stories by other creators about the world of Elfquest. **A.**

• ***Sonic the Hedgehog*** #47 (Jun 97, Archie, $1.50) is scripted by Ken Penders, pencilled by Art Mawhinney, and inked by Pam Eklund. This issue starts the four-part "Endgame" story that will wrap up with an extravaganza in #50. (For more comments on that, see the ***CBG Comics in Your Future*** feature this issue on Page 68.) Cover-blurbed "The ultimate battle begins here!" the issue is actually one in which readers can jump on board an adventure story for young readers.

I've been told that *Sonic* is one of those oddball titles that drives collectors crazy. Many retailers don't bother with it — but it's based on a game that most kids know well, and the stories are followed by many kids looking for a story with a plot connected with the game they enjoy. As a result, back issues are in great demand by a lot of young readers — who have no way of getting the back issues they want.

In this issue, Sonic is framed for what happens to Princess Sally in a story that is far from a Done in One stand-alone. Adults who don't give two hoots for the game or for young readers' adventures will probably only give it a **C**. But they should take a look to see what buttons it may push for them. The art has to be more complex than it might seem at first glance — and it meets the challenge of telling the story clearly.

• After this issue, ***Smith Brown Jones*** (#5, 1997, Kiwi Studios, P.O. Box 468, San Ramon, CA 94583, black and white, $2.95) will go on hiatus for a while. Creator Jon Hastings has a number of excuses, but his readers will hope the hiatus is a short one.

This episode wraps up the adventures of the alien among us, who has at the opening been captured by a bunch of alien nasties. You can get this and the other four issues for $3.95 each from Kiwi — or for less money from your friendly local comics retailer, if he or she happened to stock this alien farce. Check it out. **B+** for this issue on its own (because it's the wrap-up to an ongoing story and not quite as fall-down funny all by itself), **A-** for the five issues as a whole.

If a state is not listed in this issue's calendar, it is because we received no show listings for that state for this time period.

If you are planning to attend a show some distance from your home, we advise you to call the show's promoter for any last-minute changes and information.

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Apr 25-27 CA, Oakland. WonderCon II, Convention Ctr. 1001 Broadway at 10th St. PH: 510-464-1120.

Apr 27 CA, Buena Park. Greater LA-Orange Cty. Comic Book & Toy Convention '97, Sequoia Center. 7530 Orangethorpe Ave., SH: 10am-5pm, T: 80-8', F: $65. for 1, $100. for 2. John Reid, PO Box 7057, San Diego, CA 92167. PH: 619-224-0026.

May 3 CA, Lodi-Stockton. Comic Book Show, Grape Festival & Harvest Fairgrounds, Burgundy Hall. 413 E. Lockeford St., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 25, F: $37.50 for 1, $65. for 2, A: $1., under 5 free. Home Plate Prods., Chris Ryan, 422 Cedar Ctr., Lodi, CA 95240. PH: 209-368-7345.

May 4 CA, Ventura. Comic Book, Sports Card, Sci-Fi & Movie Collectable Show, American Legion Hall. 83 S. Palm St., SH: 10am-5pm, F: $35. for 1, $100. for 4, A: $2. Planet 10 Prods., George Chase, PH: 805-653-5697.

May 11 CA, Los Angeles. Comic Book & Science Fiction Convention, Shrine Auditorium Expo Ctr. 700 W. 32nd St., SH: 10am-5pm, A: $5. Bruce Schwartz, 3917-1/2 Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA 91505. PH: 818-954-8432.

May 18 CA, Stockton. Comic Book & BB Card Show, Stockton Inn. Hwy. 99 & Waterloo Rd., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 18, F: $40., A: $2., 10 & under free. B&B Backstop, Mike Blalock, 3412 Delaware St., Stockton, CA 95204. PH: 209-948-0976 or 474-7362.

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Apr 25 CT, West Haven. Comic Book & BB Card Show, Masonic Temple. 304 Center St., SH: 6pm-10pm, T: 22-8', F: $35. Chuck Blue, PO Box 3275, Westville Station, New Haven, CT 06515. PH: 203-934-0219.

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Jeff Krell (creator of *Jayson*) at Atticus Books, 1508 U St. NW, Washington, **District of Columbia** 20009, from 7 to 8 p.m.

April 19

Jeff Krell (creator of *Jayson*) at Giovanni's Room, 345 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, **Pennsylvania** 19107, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

April 23

Casey Jones (*Excalibur, Cable*, and *X-Force '97*) at Dominion Comics, Waterlick Plaza, 9607-G Timberlake Rd., Lynchburg, **Virginia** 24502, from 4 to 7 p.m.

April 26

Tony DiGerolamo (writer/crator of *Jersey Devil*) and **Tom Hodges** (cover artist of *Jersey Devil*) at Captain Blue Hen's, 280 E. Main St., Newark, **Delaware** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 27

Jon J. Muth (artist of *Farewell, Moonshadow*), **George Pratt** (artist/writer of *Weird War Tales*), and **Paul Lee** (artist of *Dhamphire* and *Amazing Fantasy*) at Beyond Comics, Lakeforest Mall, Gaithersburg, **Maryland** from noon to 5 p.m.

May 2

Tony Caputo (author of *How to Self-Publish Your Own Comic Book*) at Crown Books, 701 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, IL 60061, beginning at 7 p.m.

May 3

Mark Waid (writer of *Kingdom Come, Superman: Soldier: Man of War*, and *Flash*) at Legends/Comic Stop II, 2600 Plymouth Meeting Mall, Plymouth Meeting, **Pennsylvania** 19462, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 17

Greg Land (artist on *Supergirl* and *Nightwing Annual*) at The Great Escape, 2433 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, **Kentucky** 40205, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

May 23

John Heebink (artist of *Elvira, Mistress of the Dark* and "Wrathbone and Bitchula" in *Action Planet Comics*) at The Funny Papers, 5957 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, **California** 94121, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Jhonen Vasquez (creator of *Johnny the Homicidal Maniac*) at Chicago Comics, 3244 N. Clark St., Chicago, **Illinois** from 5 to 7 p.m.

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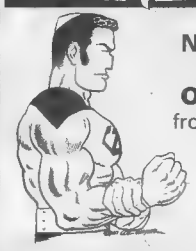

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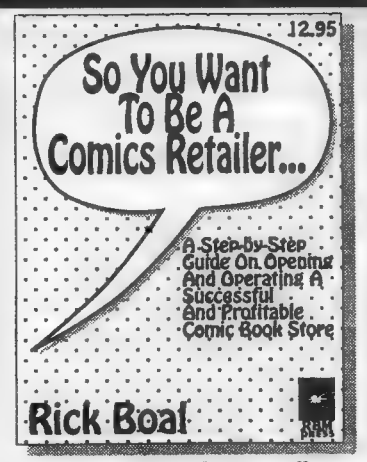

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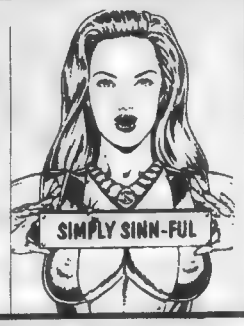

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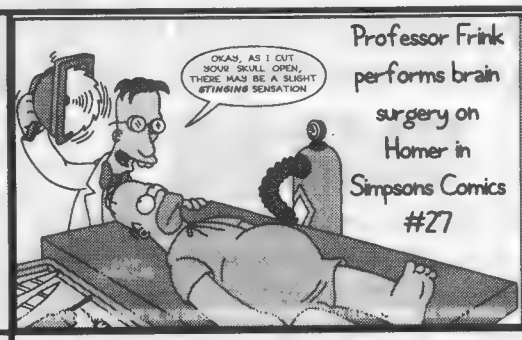

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May 2 CT, Milford. BB Card Mania, K of C Hall. 625 Bridgeport Ave., Exit 34 off I-95, take L., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 50, F: $60., A: $2., $1. under 10. Mrs. Aurella V. Wacks, PO Box 5078, Milford, CT 06460. PH: 203-874-3545 or FAX: 203-876-8427.

May 2-4 CT, Simsbury. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Farmington Valley Mall. Jct. Rts. 44 & 167, SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 12noon-5pm, T: 50-8', F: $140., A: free. Matt DeRoma, PO Box 800, Somers, CT 06071. PH: 860-741-8649.

May 3 CT, Meriden. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Platt H.S. Coe Ave., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 60-6', F: $30. for 2, A: 99¢, under 12 free. Ernie Schaper, 10 McKenzie Ave., S. Meriden, CT 06451. PH: 203-634-0069.

May 4 CT, Stratford. CT's Premier Show, Ramada Inn .Exit 30 off I-95, SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 56-8', F: $75. for 1, $125. for 2, A: $3., 99¢ children. Mike Riccio, 155 Lighthouse Ave., Stratford, CT 06497. PH: 203-377-9567.

May 4 CT, East Hartford. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Holiday Inn. 363 Roberts St., SH: 9am-3:30pm, T: 45-6', F: $35. for 1, $55. for 2, $80. for 3, A: 99¢. Terranova Sports Cards Prods., Inc., Natale Terranova Jr., 159 Federal St., W. Hartford, CT 06110. PH: 860-586-8354.

May 4 CT, New Haven. Comic Book & Toy Expo, Howard Johnson at Long Wharf. 400 Sargent Dr., Exit 46 off I-95, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 25-30 6', F: $60., A: $2. Quantum Marketing, Kevin Cleary, 2490 Black Rock Tpke. #290, Fairfield, CT 06430. PH: 203-366-0119 or FAX: 203-368-3122.

May 10 CT, Manchester. Benefit Comic Book & Cards Show, East Catholic H.S. 115 New State Rd., I-84 Exit 60, SH: 9am-4pm, T: 70-6', F: $30.-$40., A: 99¢. Grand Slam Shows, Russ Havourd, 1216 Hartford Tpke., Vernon, CT 06066. PH: 860-875-1401 or 875-4476.

May 10 CT, Naugatuck. Comic Book & BB Card Show, Elks Lodge #967. 758 Rubber Ave., SH: 9am-3pm, T: 50-8', F: $35. for 1, $30. ea. add'l., A: free. Thomas Bryk, PO Box 1056, Naugatuck, CT 06670. PH: 203-723-9289.

May 11 CT, Milford. Comic Book & BB Card Show, K of C Hall. 625 Bridgeport Ave., I-95, Exit 34, take L., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, A: $2., $1. under 10. Mrs. Aurella V. Wacks, PO Box 5078, Milford, CT 06460. PH: 203-874-3545 or FAX: 203-876-8427.

May 16 CT, Stratford. CT's Premier Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Ramada Inn. Exit 30 off I-95, SH: 6pm-9:30pm, T: 25-8', F: $50. for 1, $80. for 2, A: 99¢. Mike Riccio, 155 Lighthouse Ave., Stratford, CT 06497. PH: 203-377-9567.

May 18 CT, East Hartford. Comic Book Convention, Elks Hall. 148 Roberts St. (Exit 58 from I-84), SH: 11am-5pm, T: 35, F: $40., A: 99¢. Hal Kinney, 206 Burnside Ave., E. Hartford, CT 06108. PH: 860-289-1208.

May 23 CT, West Haven. Comic Book & BB Card Show, Masonic Temple. 304 Center St., Exit 43 off 95, SH: 6pm-10pm, T: 22-8', F: $35. Chuck Blue, PO Box 3275, Westville Station, New Haven, CT 06515. PH: 203-934-0219.

DELAWARE

Apr 26 DE, Newark. Alternative Comics Spotlight & Old Fashioned Comic Show,Aetna Fire Hall. Rt. 273 W. (Ogletown Rd.) Exit 3 off I-95, SH: 11am-3:30pm, T: 50-8', F: $40. for 1st, $30. for 2nd, A: $3. Captain Blue Hen Comics, 280 E. Main St., Newark, DE 19711. PH: 302-737-3434.

FLORIDA

May 10 FL, Tallahassee. Comic Book, Sports Card, Toys & Coll. Show, Senior Ctr. 1805 N. Monroe St., SH: 9am-4pm, T: 27, F: $35. for 1st, $25. for 2nd, A: free. Charlie Watson, 646 W. 10th Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32303. PH: 904-224-8813.

May 18 FL, Orlando. Comic Book & Toy Show, Clarion Hotel. 9700 International Dr., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 125, F: $45. for 1, $80. for 2, A: $4., $2. children. George Smith, PO Box 560423, Montverde, FL 34756. PH: 407-469-3759.

May 23-25 FL, Leesboro. Comic Book, Sports Cards, NASCAR, Coins, Toys & Stamps Show, Lake Square Mall. SH: mall hrs., T: 65, F: $100. Bases Loaded Promos., Inc., 295 Bryan Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110. PH: 615-939-3063 or 939-3047.

GEORGIA

Apr 25-27 GA, Duluth-Atlanta. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Outlets Ltd. Mall. I-85 & Pleasant Hill Rd., 3750 Venture Dr., SH: Fri. 10am-9pm, Sat. 10am-8pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 24, F: $80., A: free. Charles Dozetos, 3750 Venture Dr., Duluth, GA 30136. PH: 770-495-7671 or 800-251-5150.

May 2-4 GA, Duluth-Atlanta. Comic Book Show, Outlets Limited Mall. I-85 & Pleasant Hill Rd., 3750 Venture Dr., SH: Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 24, F: $80., A: free. Charles Dozetos, 3750 Venture Dr., Duluth, GA 30136. PH: 800-251-5150 or 770-495-7671.

May 3-4 GA, Atlanta-Kennesaw. All Stars Comic Book, Sports Cards & Collectibles Show, Kinder's Outlet Mall. 3333 George Busbee Pky., I-75 & Chastain Rd. (Exit 117), SH: Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 50-8', F: $75., A: free. Jon White, 201 Thornwood Cr., Acworth, GA 30102. PH: 770-924-3491 home or 428-4980 Show Center.

May 9-10 GA, Duluth-Atlanta. Comic Book Show, Outlets Limited Mall. I-85 & Pleasant Hill Rd., 3750 Venture Dr., SH: Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 24, F: $80., A: free. Charles Dozetos, 3750 Venture Dr., Duluth, GA 30136. PH: 800-251-5150 or 770-495-7671.

May 16-18 GA, Duluth-Atlanta. Comic Book Show, Outlets Limited Mall. I-85 & Pleasant Hill Rd., 3750 Venture Dr., SH: Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 24, F: $80., A: free. Charles Dozetos, 3750 Venture Dr., Duluth, GA 30136. PH: 800-251-5150 or 770-495-7671.

May 17-18 GA, Atlanta-Kennesaw. All Stars Comic Book, Sports Cards & Collectibles Show, Kinder's Outlet Mall. 3333 George Busbee Pky., I-75 & Chastain Rd. (Exit 117), SH: Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 50-8', F: $75., A: free. Jon White, 201 Thornwood Cr., Acworth, GA 30102. PH: 770-924-3491 home or 428-4980 Show Center.

May 23-25 GA, Duluth-Atlanta. Comic Book Show, Outlets Limited Mall. I-85 & Pleasant Hill Rd., 3750 Venture Dr., SH: Fri. 10am-8pm, Sat. 10am-7pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 24, F: $80., A: free. Charles Dozetos, 3750 Venture Dr., Duluth, GA 30136. PH: 800-251-5150 or 770-495-7671.

ILLINOIS

Apr 26-27 IL, Rockford. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Machesney Park Mall. 8750 N. 2nd St., SH: Sat. 10am-5:30pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 75-8', F: $60., A: free. Strike It Rich, Rich Peterson, 9741 Gentian Dr., Machesney Park, IL 61115. PH: 815-633-8105.

Apr 27 IL, Orland Park. Comic Book & Sports Card & Toys Show, Civic Ctr. 1 blk. W. of La Grange Rd. (Rt. 45) at 147th St., SH: 9am-3pm, T: 85-6', F: $28., A: $1. John Leary, 9522 W. Shore Dr., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. PH: 708-423-1758.

Apr 27 IL, Mt. Vernon. Ultimate Comic Book, Non-Sports, Sports Card & Racing Show, Jent Factory Outlet Mall. I-57, I-64 & Rt. 15, SH: 10am-5pm, T: 30-8', F: $10., A: free. Jim

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Hall, 1100 Park Ave., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864. PH: 618-244-0548.

Apr 27 IL, Mt. Vernon. Comic Book, Sports Card & Racing Show, Holiday Inn. I-57 & Rt. 15, SH: 9am-5pm, T: 25-8', F: $20., A: free. Mike Bleeks, RR 2, Enfield, IL 62835. PH: 618-963-2002.

May 2-4 IL, Palatine. Star Wars Convention, Holiday Inn. Dundee Rd. & Rt. 53, SH: Fri. 4pm-9pm, Sat. & Sun. 9am-4pm, T: 80, F: $150., A: $4. Keith Boyer, 1309 Wyndham, Palatine, IL 60067. PH: 847-776-0216.

May 3 IL, Waukegan. Comic Book & Collectible Show, Bertrand Bowling Lanes. 2616 Washington St., Rt. 41 then E. on Washington, SH: 10am-3pm, T: 15-6' & 8', F: $15., A: free. James Libasci, PO Box 8822, Waukegan, IL 60079. PH: 847-336-9963 or 336-5002.

May 3 IL, Effingham. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Village Square Mall. Rt. 45 S., SH: 9am-9pm, T: 40-8', F: $25. for 1, $40. for 2, $60. for 3, A: free. BB Card Connection, Jon Schafer, 109 E. Jefferson Ave., Effingham, IL 62401. PH: 217-342-2539.

May 3 IL, Chicago. Comic Book, Toy & Sports Card Show, St. Luke Academy. 1500 W. Belmont Ave., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 35-8', F: $15. for 1, $25. for 2, A: $1. Ron, PH: 773-348-7373 or Steve, PH: 773-262-7864.

May 4 IL, Oak Lawn. Comic Book & Sports Card & Toys Show, Fatima K of C. 5830 W. 95th St., SH: 9am-3pm, T: 38-8', F: $25., A: $1. John Leary, 9522 W. Shore Dr., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. PH: 708-423-1758.

May 4 IL, Joliet. Comic Book, Sports Card & Toy-Fest, Holiday Inn. On Larkin Ave. off I-80, SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 60, F: $25., A: $1.50, 12 & under free. Tim, PH: 815-729-4019.

May 4 IL, Naperville. Comic Book & Action Figure Show, Raddison Inn. Naperville & Warrenville Rds., SH: 9:30am-3pm, T: 60, F: $45., A: $2. women & kids under 10 free. Graham Crackers Comics, 5 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville, IL 60540. PH: 630-355-4310.

May 11 IL, Palatine. Action Figure & Comic Book Show, Ramada Hotel. Northwest Hwy. & Rt. 53, SH: 9:30am-3pm, T: 60. Keith Boyer, PH: 847-776-0216.

May 18 IL, Wheeling. Comic Book & Toy Show, Chevy Chase Country Club. 1000 N. Milwaukee, SH: 9:30am-4pm, T: 60. Keith Boyer, PH: 847-776-0216.

May 18 IL, Springfield. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Northfield Ctr. 3210 Northfield Dr., SH: 9am-4pm, T: 43-8', F: $27., A: free. Ron Hull, 2457 Griffiths, Springfield, IL 62702. PH: 217-523-3598.

INDIANA

Apr 25 IN, Highland. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Lincoln Center Rm. 16-18. 2450 Lincoln St., from I-94 S. on Indianapolis Blvd., 4th traffic light turn L., SH: 6pm-9pm, T: 32, F: $15. for 2, A: free. Elicia Stewart, 2450 Lincoln St., Highland, IN 46322. PH: 219-838-0114.

Apr 26 IN, South Bend. Michiana Comicon, Holy Family Hall. Mayflower Rd. at Western Ave., SH: 10am-5pm, T: 50-8', F: $40., A: $1. Jim Rossow, 53100 Poppy Rd., South Bend, IN 46628. PH: 219-232-8129.

Apr 26-27 IN, Elkhart. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Concord Mall. US 33 South, SH: Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 12noon-5pm, T: 100, F: $60.-$65., A: free. G&S "Ex-Change", Gene Haberstich, PO Box 908, Goshen, IN 46527. PH: 219-533-1887 10am-midnight.

May 3-4 IN, Columbus. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Fair Oaks Mall. Intersection Hwys. 46E & 31S, SH: mall hrs., T: 55, F: $50., A: free. Front Row Promos., Inc., Terry Armstrong, 1745 Houston Ct., New Albany, IN 47150. PH: 812-948-9902.

May 3 IN, Indianapolis. Eastside Collectible Comic Book, Sports Card & Racing Show, Ramada Inn East. Pendleton Pike at I-465 E., Exit 42, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 28-6', F: $30. for 1, $45. for 2, A: free. Mark Lopez, PO Box 29364, Indianapolis, IN 46229. PH: 317-894-1115.

May 3 IN, Indianapolis. Comic Book & Non-Sports Card Convention, Quality Inn. 3525 N. Shadeland Rd. Jubilee Enterprises, 11910 Asbury Dr., Ft. Washington, MD 20744. PH: 301-292-4587 or FAX: 301-203-0159.

May 3-4 IN, Logansport. Comic Book Show, Mall. SH: Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 12noon-5pm, T: 50, F: $65.-$70., A: free. G&S "Ex-Change", Gene Haberstich, PO Box 908, Goshen, IN 46527. PH: 219-533-1887 10am-midnight.

May 4 IN, Indianapolis. Ash Comic Book, Toy, Star Wars & Action Figure Show, Holiday Inn East. 6990 E. 21st St. (Shadeland Ave. Exit of I-70 or I-465), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30, F: $50., A: $3., 9 & under free. Andy & Diane Holzman, 1947 Bechtel Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46260. PH: 317-334-0173 or 824-9602.

May 10 IN, Marion. Comic Book & BB Card Show, Grant Cty. 4-H Fairgrounds. 4 mi. W. I-69 SR 18, SH: 10am-5pm, T: 30-10', A: free. Casey Caimens, 1341 Gillispie St., Marion, IN 46952. PH: 317-668-1159, 662-8268 home or 800-611-6867.

May 17 IN, Hammond. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, American Inn. 4000 Calumet Ave. (I-90 Exit 5) I-80/94 Exit 1, go N. 6 miles. SH: 9:30am-2:30pm, T: 40-6', F: $15., A: $1. Grand Slam Promos., Joe J. Jurek, PO Box 201, Whiting, IN 46394. PH: 219-659-4947 (24 hrs.).

May 17-18 IN, Merrillville. Comic Book Show, Century Consumer Mall. SH: Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 11-5pm, T: 60-80, F: $80.-$85., A: free. G&S "Ex-Change", Gene Haberstich, PO Box 908, Goshen, IN 46527. PH: 219-533-1887 10am-midnight.

May 18 IN, Logansport. Mid-North Indiana Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Holiday Inn. US 24 E. (just E. of Martin's Super Market), SH: 10am-5pm, T: 40, F: $20. for 1, $35. for 2, A: free. Cards & Comics Galore, J.B. Neubaum, 110 W. Linden, Apt. 1, Logansport, IN 46947. PH: 219-732-1818 7am-10pm.

May 23 IN, Highland. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Lincoln Center Rm. 16-18. 2450 Lincoln St., from I-94 S. on Indianapolis Blvd., 4th traffic light turn L., SH: 6pm-9pm, T: 32, F: $15. for 2, A: free. Elicia Stewart, 2450 Lincoln St., Highland, IN 46322. PH: 219-838-0114.

KANSAS

May 17-18 KS, Overland Park. Comic Con, International Trade Ctr. 6800 W. 115th St., SH: Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, T: 100, F: $200., A: Sat. $5., Sun. $4. Mike Wileman, 8700 W. 121st Terr., Overland Park, KS 66213. PH: 913-451-4805.

KENTUCKY

Apr 26 KY, Cave City. Charity Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Holiday Inn Express. SH: 9am-4pm, F: $15., A: free. Dale Perkins, 256 Seymour-Park Rd., Horse Cave, KY 42749. PH: 502-786-2931 or 524-7477 or E-mail: Dale3P@aol.com

May 9-11 KY, Bowling Green. Comic Book, Sports Cards, NASCAR, Coins, Toys & Stamps Show, Greenwood Mall. SH: mall hrs., T: 65, F: $100. Bases Loaded Promos., Inc., 295 Bryan Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110. PH: 615-939-3063 or 648-3319.

May 10-11 KY, Louisville. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Bashford Manor Mall. Bardstown Rd. at I-264, T: 70-8', F: $75., A: free. Front Row Promos., Inc., Terry Armstrong, 1745 Houston Ct., New Albany, IN 47150. PH: 812-948-9902.

May 16-18 KY, Ashland. Comic Book, Sports Card & Racing Collectibles Show, Ashland Town Ctr. 500 Winchester Ave., SH: mall hrs., T: 35-8', F: $80. for 1, $150. for 2, A: free. Badgley Promos., PO Box 3528, Parkersburg, WV 26103. PH: 304-485-8345.

May 23-25 KY, Owensboro. Comic Book, Sports Cards, NASCAR, Coins, Toys & Stamps Show, Town Center Mall. SH: mall hrs., T: 65, F: $100. Bases Loaded Promos., Inc., 295 Bryan Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110. PH: 615-939-3063 or 648-3319.

LOUISIANA

Apr 26 LA, Bossier City. Com-X-Con Comic Book & Toy Show, Civic Ctr. 620 Benton Rd., T: 6', F: $50. for 1, $85. for 2, $115. for 3, $35. ea. add'l. Comic World Promos., Cecil Johnson, 11361 Samples Rd., Alexander, AR 72002. PH: 501-316-2342.

Apr 27 LA, Baton Rouge. Comic Book & Sports Cards Show, Holiday Inn South. I-12 & Airline Hwy., SH: 10am-5:30pm, T: 40, F: $45.-$55., A: $1.50. Anthony Barcellona, 2423 McHugh Rd., Baker, LA 70714. PH: 504-775-7469.

May 3-4 LA, Lake Charles. Contraband Days Comic Book, Cards & Collectibles Show, Civic Ctr., Exhibition Hall. I-10 & Lakeshore Dr., SH: 10am-6pm, T: 45-8', F: $75. for 1, $100. for 2, $125. for 3, A: free. Southern Sports Prods., Larry Lamartina, 500 Bonvue St., Lake Charles, LA 70605. PH: 318-474-3925.

May 17 LA, Baton Rouge. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Bellemont Hotel & Conv. Ctr. 7370 Airline Hwy., SH: 10am-5pm, T: 26, F: $55., A: free. C&C Promos., 2423 McHugh Rd., Baker, LA 70714. PH: 504-775-7469.

MARYLAND

Apr 25-27 MD, Cockeysville. Comic Book & BB Card Show, Hunt Valley Mall. Exit 20A off I-495, SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 12noon-5pm, T: 55-8', F: $110., A: free. Jay's Promos., Jay Grabowski, 4409 Vale Dr., Baltimore, MD 21236. PH: 410-529-1624.

Apr 26 MD, Baltimore. Comic Book AUCTION. SH: preview Fri. 10am-4pm. Dundalk Antiques, 115 St. Helena Ave., Baltimore, MD 21222. PH: 410-285-2787.

Apr 27 MD, Baltimore. Comic Book Show, Pikesville Hilton. Exit 20 off MD 695, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30, F: $60., A: $3. CMP, 504 Heath Ave., Linthicum, MD 21090. PH: 410-789-4581.

Apr 27 MD, Silver Springs. Comic Book & Non-Sports Card Convention, Armory Place. 925 Wayne Ave. Jubilee Enterprises, 11910 Asbury Dr., Ft. Washington, MD 20744. PH: 301-292-4587 or FAX: 301-203-0159.

May 4 MD, Towson. Comic Book & BB Card Show, Holiday Inn Cromwell. Bridge Rd. 695, Exit 29, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 32-6', A: $1. Jay's Promos., Jay Grabowski, 4409 Vale Dr., Balt., MD 21236. PH: 410-529-1624.

May 9-11 MD, Salisbury. Comic Book & BB Card Show, The Centre at Salisbury Mall. Rt. 13 N. Salisbury Blvd., SH: mall hrs., T: 50-8', F: $100., A: free. Jay's Promos., Jay Grabowski, 4409 Vale Dr., Balt., MD 21236. PH: 410-529-1624.

May 10 MD, Westminster. Comic Book Show, St. John's Church. Monroe St., SH: 10am-3:30pm, T: 30, A: $1. William Gill, 75-1/2 Pennsylvania Ave., Westminster, MD 21157. PH: 410-857-4219.

May 23-25 MD, Cumberland-LaVale. Comic Books, Sport Cards & NASCAR Show, Country Club Mall. LaVale Exit off I-68, SH: mall hrs., T: 42-8', F: $110., A: free. Tom Viencek, PO Box 284, Rices Landing, PA 15357. PH: 412-592-5038.

MASSACHUSETTS

Apr 24-27 MA, Springfield. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Eastfield Mall. 1655 Boston Rd., Rt. 20, SH: Thurs.-Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 12noon-6pm, T: 45-8', F: $150. for 1, $200. for 2, A: free. Springfield Card Co., 293 Piper Rd., W. Springfield, MA 01089. PH: 413-731-6700.

Apr 27 MA, Seekonk. Comic Book & Sports & Non-Sports Card Show, Johnson & Wales Inn. Rts. 44 & 114A near E. Providence line, SH: 9am-3:30pm, T: 45-8', F: $35., A: $1., under 8 free. Douglas Keating, 112 Middle St. Apt. 36, Weymouth, MA 02189. PH: 617-331-4788.

May 8-11 MA, Hadley. Comic Book & SportsCard Show, Hampshire Mall. Rt. 9, 341 Russell St., SH: Thurs.-Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 45-8', F: $150. for 1st, $200. for 2nd, A: free. Springfield Card Co., David Singer, 293 Piper Rd., W. Springfield, MA 01089. PH: 413-731-6700.

May 15-18 MA, Holyoke. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Holyoke Mall at Ingleside. Exit 15 off I-91, SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9:30pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 50-8', F: $195., A: free. Matt DeRoma, PO Box 800, Somers, CT 06071. PH: 860-741-8649.

May 18 MA, South Attleboro. Comic Book, Toys, Non-Sports Card & Collectibles Show, K of C Hall. 305 Highland St., Rt. 95 take Exit 3 or 3B to Rt. 123 W., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 59, A: $3. Harry Martin, 11 Elm St., Hopkinton, MA 01748. PH: 508-435-7831.

May 18 MA, Seekonk. Comic Book & Sports & Non-Sports Card Show, Johnson & Wales Inn. Rts. 44 & 114A near E. Providence line, SH: 9am-3:30pm, T: 45-8', F: $35., A: $1., under 8 free. Douglas Keating, 112 Middle St. Apt. 36, Weymouth, MA 02189. PH: 617-331-4788.

May 22-25 MA, Chicopee. Comic Book & Sports Card & Toy Show, Fairfield Mall. 591 Memorial Dr., Exit 5 off Mass Pike, SH: mall hrs., A: free. Ray, PH: 413-538-6711.

MICHIGAN

May 4 MI, Royal Oak. Encore-Con Comic Book Show, American Legion Hall. 1815 Rochester Rd. (corner of 12 mi. & Rochester Rd.), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 40-8', F: $35. in advance, $40. day of show, A: $2. Motor City Conventions, 19785 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste. 231, Southfield, MI 48076. PH: 810-426-6059.

May 4 MI, Saginaw. Comic Book, Sports Card & Memorabilia Show, St. Vincent Home. 925 N. River Rd., SH: 9:30am-5pm, T: 20-6' & 8', F: $20. for 1, $35. for 2, A: free. Rick Doud, 620 Thompson, Saginaw, MI 48607. PH: 517-752-5622.

May 9-11 MI, Roseville. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Towne Ctr. 12 Mile & Gratiot, SH: Fri. 3pm-8pm, Sat. 10am-8pm, Sun. 11am-4pm, T: 70-8', F: $35., A: free. Rick Behar, 3990 W. 12 Mile Rd. #185, Berkley, MI 48072. PH: 810-557-1529.

May 16-18 MI, Roseville. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Towne Ctr. 12 Mile & Gratiot, SH: Fri. 3pm-8pm, Sat. 10am-8pm, Sun. 11am-4pm, T: 70-8', F: $35., A: free. Rick Behar, 3990 W. 12 Mile Rd. #185, Berkley, MI 48072. PH: 810-557-1529.

May 17 MI, Muskegon. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Park Row Mall. SH: 10am-4pm, T: 25-8', F: $35. Langes Sports, 950 Norton, Muskegon, MI 49441. PH: 616-733-0433.

May 18 MI, Livonia. X-Trava Con Comic Book Show, K of C Hall. 19801 Farmington Rd. (bet. 7 Mile & 8 Mile Rd.), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 45-8', F: $35. in advance, $40. day of show, A: $2. Motor City Conventions, Michael Goldman, 19785 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste. 231, Southfield, MI 48076. PH: 810-426-8059.

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Apr 27 MS, Jackson. Com-X-Con Comic Book & Toy Show, Ramada Inn. 400 Greymount Ave., T: 6', F: $50. for 1, $85. for 2, $115. for 3, $35. ea. add'l. Comic World Promos., Cecil Johnson, 11361 Samples Rd., Alexander, AR 72002. PH: 501-316-2342.

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Apr 23 NJ, Rochelle Park. Comic Book, Sports Cards, Memoriabilia & Collectibles AUCTION, Ramada Hotel. 375 W. Passaic St. off Exit 160 Garden State Pky., SH: preview 7pm, auction 7:45pm-10pm, A: free. Vic's Coins, PO Box 323, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662. PH: 201-845-0259.

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Apr 26 NJ, Cherry Hill. Comic Book, Sports Card & Toy Show, Holiday Inn. Rt. 70 & Sayre Ave., SH: 9am-3pm, F: $45., A: $2. Greg Petrino, PH: 215-968-8577.

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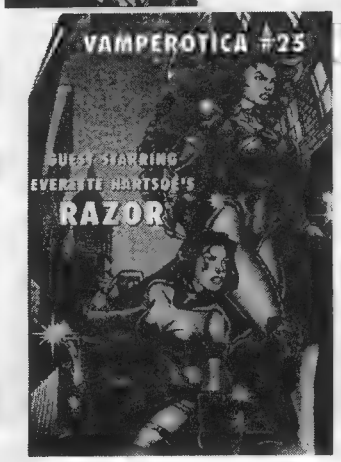

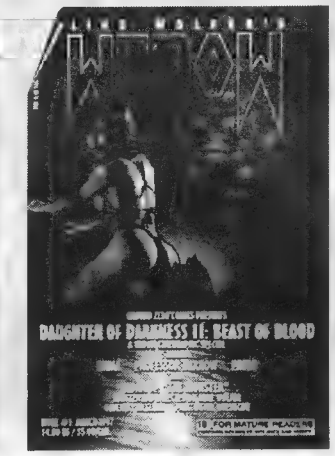

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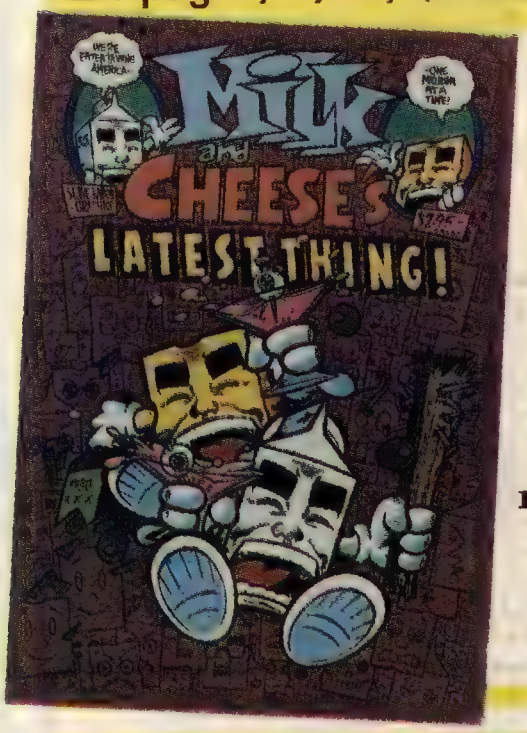
A number of publishers were recently asked to choose, from the material they have scheduled to ship in **June**, which titles they felt would be most worthy of the attention of readers and collectors. Participating retailers were then asked to predict how popular each title will be and to grade each preview from A+ to F, according to how successful they found it as a work of art or entertainment.

Milk & Cheese's Latest Thing

Slave Labor Graphics
24 pages, B/W, $2.95

Slave Labor's Dan Vado: "After a two-year hibernation, those two-fisted little dairy products gone bad have returned once again to trash the world. Behold the mayhem of such strips as 'Alcoholics Unanimous' and 'The Devil Made Them Do It.' Gasp as Milk and Cheese invade a Weight Watchers meeting. Scratch your head in befuddlement as they wrap themselves in toilet tissue to become drunk mummies." Evan Dorkin added: "If you buy only one comic book this year, then buy 10 copies of *Milk & Cheese's Latest Thing*."



"Unless you're easily offended, you'll like these guys — but don't make any sudden movements around them."
— Phil Mateer

Denbow: Prepare yourself for another whap upside the head with a two-by-four. It's time again for comics' last angry man Evan Dorkin's misanthropic characters Milk and Cheese to jump out of the dairy case and into comics stores spreading their fetid satire along the way.

Not for the easily offended, Dorkin's *Milk & Cheese's Latest Thing* is the seventh in the series. It is filled with more of Dorkin's ribald yet piercing humor, as the infamous pair go about entertaining America "one moron at a time." Wow! Just when you thought comics had gotten "nice" again. Not to be missed. Grade: A.

Bennett: More *Milk & Cheese*? Yes, please! But can I honestly review this issue after seeing little more than the cover? That's a no-brainer — in every sense of the word. Will the upcoming issue be *any* different from the previous ones? No. Is that a *good* thing? Yes! Can't wait to see the Lactoids take on the "Got milk?" and milk-mustache ads. Grade: A.

Mateer: You either "get" *Milk & Cheese* or you don't (and there's a "Got milk?" joke in there somewhere) — I mean, two cartoony dairy products with disappearing bushy eyebrows who go around beating people up? Is that funny?

Well — yeah, it is. As creator Evan Dorkin says in this new issue, "There's a reason I only do one issue a year" — he's wise enough not to milk the cow that often (hey, *you* think of a dairy analogy he hasn't already used), so the characters stay fresh (oop — there's another one).

Milk and Cheese lends itself to this kind of riffing — it's fast, loose, throw a bunch of jokes against the wall and see how many stick, determinedly non-PC fun, and it's deceptively simple — Dorkin's picked up both Eisner and Harvey awards in the past for his work, after all. Unless you're easily offended, you'll probably like these guys — but don't make any sudden movements around them. Grade: A.

(*Another* dairy joke. See how easy it is?)

Retailers' grade: A-

Nine Volt #1

Image Comics
32 pages, color, $2.50

Image's Ronna Vladic: "From the heavens above and upon its own soil, the Earth is plagued by dark sinister forces, the likes of which are unassailed through ordinary means of defense. Cyborg terrorists, alien invaders, genetically altered zombies, and power-hungry madmen have begun to wreak havoc around the world. An unlikely trio of heroes banded together through a top-secret government agency known as DefSci has answered the cry for help. DefSci, a covert government agency, has assembled a corps composed of: a cyborg pixie, as charming as she is powerful; a titanic alien visitor who possesses ancient mystical skills in the art of combat; and a young rookie agent with determination and guts." *Nine Volt* is written by Cliff Son and drawn by Anthony Chun.

Mateer: Finally — an Image comic book with actual art and stuff to preview! (Undialogued art, true, but we do get a couple of pages of backstory — and, hey, after all the complaining I've done about Image "non-previews" in the past, this is a start.)

So is it any good? The premise and character descriptions by writer Cliff Son show a lot of preparation and thought, and the characters themselves look interesting. Anthony Chun's art is professional, clear, and easy to look at.

The first issue is more set-up than story, but plan on staying with this for at least a few issues and hope that it fulfills its potential. Grade: B.

Lawton: There was no script available, but the capsule descriptions of the major characters leads one to expect a pretty standard super-team story. The preliminary art, however, promises some crisp and imaginative action.

Of particular interest is Digit, an adolescent female, who could become Image's own version of Action Girl. But probably won't. Grade: B-.

Retailers' grade: B-

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Rob Hanes: Justice International #1

Caliber, 32 pages, B/W, $2.95

Caliber's Joe Pruett: "Unlike most of today's comics creators, who are influenced by other creators presently working in the field, Randy Reynaldo harkens back to a time when adventure stories meant telling an exciting, larger-than-life story, not just an issue of fight scenes. In the tradition of such classic adventure strips as *Terry and the Pirates*, Rob Hanes travels on assignments to foreign locales, romances beautiful women, battles larger-than-life villains, and gets mixed up in the latest international headlines. This series will take you back to the days when comics were fun and you never knew what would be around the next corner."

Ginsberg: For anyone who missed *Rob Hanes Adventure Strips Digest,* here is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a comic book that embodies the best elements of pulp-influenced sequential storytelling. With *Rob Hanes: Justice International,* Reynaldo immediately draws you into his world of global intrigue, gorgeous and mysterious dames, smoking guns, and larger-than-life villains.

This is reminiscent of a Sunday matinee serial — you can almost smell the popcorn — or a gem of a pulp novel or late-night radio program, yet it remains current and topical. In what is another jewel of an offering by Caliber, Reynaldo shows us why he previously received a Russ Manning Award nomination for "Best New Talent" and a Xeric Foundation Grant.

If you're tired of complaining that comics just aren't fun any more, pick up Randy's latest Rob Hanes adventure and enjoy yourself. Grade: B+.

Bennett: Reynaldo's characters come to life as they move through beautifully staged scenes that crackle with energy, dragging readers along on adventures that have you waiting to see what happens next (*literally,* since the last page of this issue wasn't included in my preview copy). I've been a fan of Rob Hanes since his mini-comic days and I can tell you this is your opportunity to see what a *modern* adventure comic strip would look like. Grade: A.

Mateer: Caliber's press release names Will Eisner, Alex Toth, and Milton Caniff and *Terry and the Pirates* as some of creator Randy Reynaldo's influences, and this book does feature the kind of international troubleshooting, villainy, women in distress, and two-fisted action that we associate with the golden age of the newspaper adventure strip. A more modern influence would be *Jonny Quest* — in fact, the main character, who's apparently written to be in his mid-20s, is drawn much more like the mid-teens Jonny, so it's off-putting to see him punching adults, romancing women, *etc.* (My only other complaint is that I saw the issue's major plot twist coming from about 10 miles away, but that's because I like adventure strips, too.)

Complaints aside, though, this is a good pastiche (I kept expecting Modesty Blaise to show up), and Reynaldo's workmanlike, accessible style shows a lot of potential. Grade: B.

Lawton: As the release says, a larger-than-life adventure story. That it could easily have been recycled from any number of James Bond movies is made apparent at the outset with the witty cameo of a barely disguised 007. Though the twists are hardly surprising and, ultimately, the story proves to be smaller than life, Reynaldo at least manages to resist the unfortunate Bondian tendency to make lame wisecracks. Grade: B.

Retailers' grade: B+

Sonic the Hedgehog #50

Archie Comic Publications
32 pages, color, $1.50

Archie's Paul Castiglia: "*Sonic the Hedgehog* is one of the best-selling U.S. comics on the market, period. A testament to his longevity is the fact that, after his successful launch five years ago, he has made it all the way to a 50th issue. This is the thrilling conclusion to the "Endgame" storyline (begun in March's *Sonic* #47) that Sonic fandom has been buzzing about for months. Not only do we tie up the loose ends of this poignant and controversial tale, we do it in true mega-style with an all-star creator jam. Every writer and artist who has ever contributed to the *Sonic* comic book checks in for this issue — complete with 28 pages of story content and a computer-generated cover image by Pat Spaziante, Ken Penders, and Heroic Age."

Bennett: Manufactured comic-book events are a dime a dozen — *this* is the real deal. The whole incredible *Sonic* cast is on stage for what *could* be the final battle with Dr. Robotnik! My Sonic-fanatic nephew Jeffrey declares it's "intense" — and I'll second that emotion. Retailers: Get on the bandwagon before it runs you over. Grade: A.

Mateer: Archie says that if you add up newsstand, subscription, and direct sales, *Sonic* is one of the best-selling comics in the U.S. — and, unlike most Archie titles, it's basically a straight super-hero comic book for younger readers, like *Transformers* or *Thundercats.* The preview of this 50th issue says, in big letters, "Please don't reveal our surprise ending," although I suspect most comics fans saw the ending coming from about page two of the *first* part of this story. Still, this is solid storytelling. Many "standard" comics fans won't like it, but, for what it is, it's done well. Grade: C+.

Retailers' grade: B

Silly Daddy #14

Joe Chiappetta, 32 pages, $2.75

Joe Chiappetta: "With six interior color pages and a wraparound color cover, this is a special 'All Ages' issue, fun enough for a kid, yet deep enough for so-called grown-ups. Featuring an in-depth look at 5-year-old Maria, this is a rare comic book that takes you into the weird and wild mind of a child."

Ginsberg: I've been enjoying Chiappetta's *Silly Daddy* for the last couple of years. His simple, observational strips often refer to his role as daddy — what else — but without becoming too quaint and boring for those of us blessed to be childless. This issue is perfect to read together as a family while enjoying each others' company. Grade: B-.

Mateer: As the title might tell you, writer/artist Joe Chiappetta has a little girl named Maria, and this comic book is a series of vignettes about the cute things she does and says — sort of an *American Splendor* with children. I have a 7-year-old daughter, so I can relate to silly-daddy stuff. (Hey, Amanda — look! You got your name in daddy's article!) But I just don't think there's enough here to justify the $2.75 price — it's basically semipro work (although clearly a labor of love), and not all of the pieces work well. As a 50¢ mini-comic, though, I'd go for it in a minute. Grade: C-.

Retailers' grade: C

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64 VF-	26.00	20.00
66 F+	16.00	12.00
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Hellboy: Almost Colossus #1

Dark Horse

Two-issue mini-series, color, $2.95

Dark Horse's Lou Bank: "Mike Mignola is bringing horror to the forefront of the comics medium. Since he started *Hellboy* in 1994, he has received both Eisner and Harvey awards for his groundbreaking work, as well as the praise of such renowned authors as Robert Bloch and Alan Moore. This new mini-series is the perfect introduction to Mignola's amazing stories and incredible art, as Hellboy follows a trail of horrors, from desecrated cemeteries to a haunted ruin, to track down a 500-year-old artificial man."

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"This literate and entertaining story will be greatly enjoyed by fans of intelligent horror." — *Tom Lawton*

Lawton: A delicious hybrid of *The X-Files* and *Frankenstein*, though readers are more likely to feel closer to the creature than they will to the Mulder and Scully stand-ins. An authentic Eastern European feel and elements of the Dracula legends add to the increasingly spooky atmosphere. This literate and entertaining story will be greatly enjoyed by fans of intelligent horror. Grade: B+.

Bennett: All genre material comes with a soothing familiarity to it, but a Hellboy story throws all the rules and comforting clichés of the horror story out the window. There's never an "ordinary" adventure for Hellboy: He's almost always over his head, not sure what's going on or how he's going to deal with the gibbering unknown (except hit it — that usually works pretty well). And thanks to Mike Mignola's uncanny ability to give these proceedings a terrible "realness," we're right there beside him, being dragged down to face something unexpected and awful. Grade: A.

Ginsberg: No one else creates atmosphere and mood like Mignola. If you have yet to experience his work with this character, now is a perfect time to journey into this world of haunting imagery and compelling plots. And, as a perfect counterpoint to this latest Hellboy story, the incredibly talented and exciting work of Gary Gianni appears as a back-up story. Gianni or Mignola alone would certainly be worth $2.95, but together, it's hard to argue that this may be the best bang for the buck this month. Grade: A.

Mateer: Hellboy has been an increasingly hot (you should pardon the expression) character over the last year or two. There's a deep, occult, conspiracy-type reason for all of this: It's a good comic book. Combining clearly-told, moody art, interesting characters, realistic dialogue, and actual research into various supernatural legends has paid off for Mignola in well-crafted, entertaining stories. (Geez, if it's that simple, how come *all* comics aren't this good?)

Almost Colossus contains plot threads begun in the last Hellboy story, *Wake the Devil*, but Mignola is wise enough to make this new story self-contained; you can appreciate it on its own. Reserve a copy with your local dealer now, though — back issues of the title are, um, hellishly hard to find. Grade: A.

Denbow: Mignola first brought Hellboy to us as a humanoid with special powers whose mission was to destroy an evil Nazi plot in the 1940s. Since then, there have been several self-contained stories featuring Hellboy in this unique horror series. It has all the elements necessary for great comic-book storytelling: a strong, engaging, witty protagonist with fantastical yet believable supernatural powers, intrigue, ingenious stories, careful plotting, Mignola's Kirby-influenced art, all set in a world both familiar and surrealistic.

In *Almost Colossus*, Hellboy must find a Romanian homunculus in order to save a friend. Throughout this issue, not only does Mignola set up and reintroduce readers to the situation, but he shows us not one, but two Frankensteinesque creatures. There is a marvelous dialogue between the two creatures in which one declares himself an "abomination" for having accidentally destroyed his reanimator. "We are not monsters," his brother golem declares to the other, "but the future and the light of the world!" The concepts that Mignola brings to our attention while telling his story give *Hellboy* intensity without becoming pretentious. Sure to amaze all readers! Grade: A+.

Biggers: *Hellboy: Almost Colossus* delivers solid, entertaining reading. Mignola is very comfortable with this blend of horror and action heroics and he makes it clear that he's enjoying what he's doing. The real joy for his fans is the stylish, moody art that makes *Hellboy* such a treat to behold. Grade: A-.

Retailers' grade: A

Hernandez Satyricon

Fantagraphics, 112 pages, B/W,

Softcover $34.95, hardcover $39.95

Fantagraphics' Eric Reynolds: "After 15 years, Gilbert, Jaime, and Mario Hernandez' critically acclaimed *Love & Rockets* ended last year and *Love & Rockets* Vol. 15, *Hernandez Satyricon*, represents the final collection of the 50-issue run. This volume collects all of Los Bros. work from *Love & Rockets* #40-50 that doesn't fall within the previously collected 'Chester Square' and 'Luba Conquers the World' storylines. The focus is on stand-alone stories rather than on multi-part continuities. Also included are rare pieces never published in the pages of the comic books."

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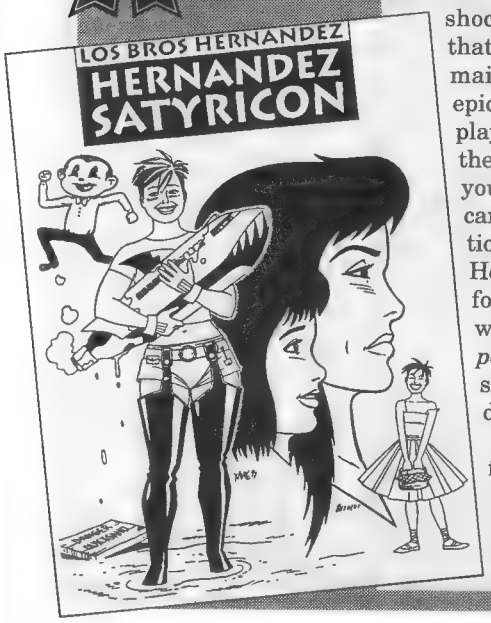

Bennett: This (gasp) final volume of *L&R* serves ample notice of just how good the Hernandez Bros. are and just how significant their contribution to the medium has been. From once-shocking subject matter that's become matter-of-fact mainstream to extended epics of the heart to the playful use and misuse of the fantastic icons of our youth, just about every cartoonist of our generation owes *something* to the Hernandez brothers. And for those newcomers to whom *L&R* is somehow *passé* ("an '80s thing") — step up and see how it's done. Grade: A.

Mateer: There was a fairly long time in the mid-'80s, when it seemed clear that *Love and Rockets* and the Hernandez Bros. were going to take comics to the next level. That was misleading. The Bros. were at their *own* level and always had been, but nothing said that other comics were going to rise to it; the Bros.' worlds were unique. Eventually, they fell victim to what I think of as Lee-Kirby syndrome — after you've produced the Galactus trilogy, what's your encore? Answer: you keep producing good work for a few more years, but after a while you get tired of trying to top yourself and, eventually, you have to quit and move on.

If you've never encountered the Bros. before, this isn't the place to start — buy some of the earlier volumes of the series instead — but for fans this is a good way to complete the set and have the Bros. on your library shelf with the other classics — where they belong. Grade: A+.

Denbow: It is with a great sadness that we view the release of *Love & Rockets* Vol. 15, the final volume of the series. Included are stories where Gilbert and Jaime use each other's characters, and the results are entertaining, indeed. I have long been a fan of this series due to the rich perspective of Gilbert and Jaime's take on human experience and their adept handling of moments in their characters' lives which are both tender and sad, shocking and tragic, funny and absurd.

This series is almost impossibly good and ranks with the best comics of the medium, comics like Spiegelman's *Maus* and Eisner's *A Contract with God*. There is a universal appeal to this series in that the worlds that these cartoonists have created are populated with rich, varied, and well-defined characters. From the pseudo-science-fiction origins of Jaime's Maggie and Hopey, through their rockin' days in the punk scene, their lives and loves together and then apart, and Gilbert's narration of the lives of characters as they mature in (and, in some cases, move away from) Palomar, a fictional Latin American village, *Love & Rockets* has been as rich and rewarding a comics-reading experience as any of you are likely to find. Highest possible recommendation: A+!

Lawton: Fans of slice-of-life comics are probably already aware of Los Bros. Hernandez and their creation *Love & Rockets*, the most influential comic book of the past 20 years. If not, *Hernandez Satyricon* will prove a good place to start. Grade: A.

Retailers' grade: A

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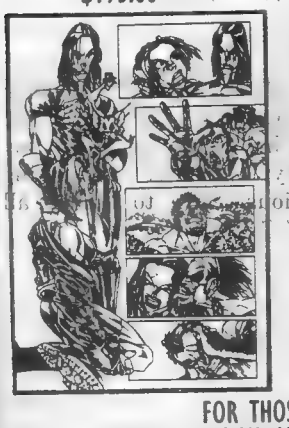

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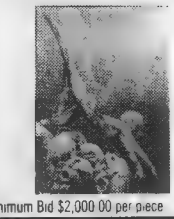

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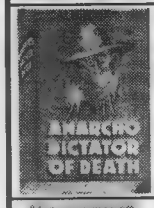

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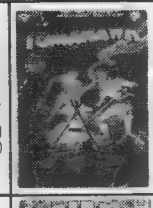

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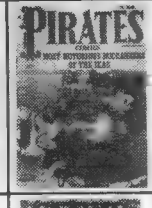

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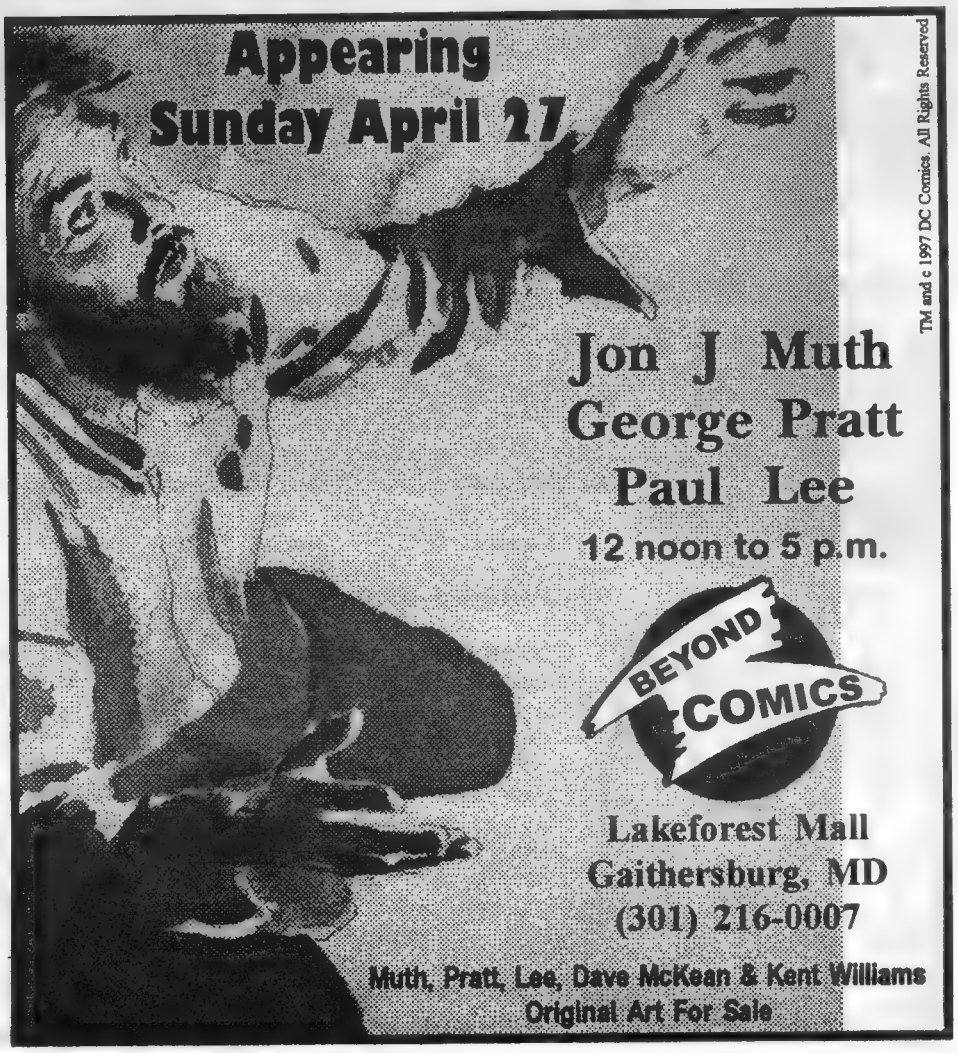

Major Bummer #1

DC Comics, 32 pages, $2.50

DC's Scott Nybakken: "The adventures of the DC universe's most unlikely, most reluctant new super-hero come to life in this whacked-out ongoing series by John Arcudi and Doug Mahnke. One afternoon, slothful 19-year-old Louis Martin gets home from work, sits down, and lapses into unconsciousness. When he awakes, he has put on 100 pounds of bulletproof muscle and is *way* smarter than he used to be. In other words, he is a super-hero. From Louis' perspective, this is a substantial turn for the worse. *Major Bummer* is a comic book about a guy who could be a powerful force for justice but would just as soon stay home and watch TV."

Mateer: You know how comics always do the ordinary-schlub-gets-super-powers bit — with great power comes great responsibility, and all that? OK, all you comics readers, what would really happen if *you* suddenly turned massive, bulletproof, and super-smart? Yeah, right — odds are you'd still sit around all day reading comics, playing videogames, eating junk food, and channel-surfing — just like you do now. (Come on, *you* guys know who you are.)

That's the premise behind the comic book. John Arcudi and Doug Mahnke, who've rung similar changes on the ordinary-guy/super-powers bit in *The Mask,* spend the first issue introducing their reluctant hero, defining some of his powers, and then irritating him with a bunch of other Inferior Five-ish characters who, inexplicably, want him to be their leader. Most of this first issue is set-up, and this could turn into little more than a one-joke comic book — especially if the main character stays stupid — but stick around for at least the first couple of issues to find out. Grade: B.

Ginsberg: It's hard to believe a scrawny kid can crash on the couch at night, wake up in the morning looking like Lou Ferrigno, go to work, and not even notice until he happens to check his reflection in a shop window. If you think that's a little strange, wait until this kid runs into the rest of the bizarre cast of "gifted" beings. My favorite is the strange, diminutive, suction-cup-fingered guy known as The Gecko.

This is apparently the beginning of a new super-hero team title, albeit a quirky one. *Major Bummer* is certainly fun enough, but if quirky team comics are your thing, check out Dave Yurkovich's *Threshold*, a quirkier and more original title. Grade: C-.

Lawton: Goofy fun that the kids will love, and it certainly contains the most original super-team origin tale that I've read in quite a while. Though I could do without much of the wisenheimer dialogue, the art is pretty cool, and the series seems to have more heart than most of DC's most recent attempts at new characters. Grade B.

Retailers' grade: B

At the Seams

Alternative, 24 pages, $2.95

Alternative's Jeff Mason: "Ed Brubaker, the multiple Eisner and Harvey nominee, has produced his first new title since *Lowlife*. This one-shot contains three stories that examine the same situation from different perspectives. A love triangle explored from each side with insight, humor, and a grasp at the nature of fate and chaos, this is a perfect starting point for people who've never tried Brubaker's work before. This title also serves as a bridge between *Lowlife* and Brubaker's new series, *Detour*, coming in August."

Mateer: I assumed this new one-shot by Brubaker would be in the same style as *Lowlife.* Interestingly, it is and it isn't: There are three stories, all fiction and with different characters, but each approaches the breakup of the same basic relationship (girl leaves guy and starts going out with guy's friend) from the viewpoint of a different one of the principals. It's both strange and intriguing to see Brubaker moving from telling real-life stories (with a little fiction thrown in) to telling fictional stories based loosely on real-life events (or at least, what *feels* like one). Neat concept, and fans of Brubaker's earlier work should enjoy this. Grade: B+.

Bennett: Linked by themes of betrayal, regret, and the search for meaning and morals in an ambiguous world, *At the Seams'* three stories are sparse, direct, and concise, bringing echoes of the fantastic to the seemingly mundane. Brubaker has a remarkable eye for nuance and detail that give his meticulously recorded character studies an urgent, authentic quality. This is Brubaker's finest work to date. Grade: A.

Biggers: In the hands of some creators, comic books become an intensely personal medium. Brubaker is one such creator; his work reflects an amazingly intense personal quality. In *At the Seams*, no matter which persona is the focus of the story, Brubaker manages to bring a depth of characterization that brings the tale to life, giving it an emotional strength. This is a great way for newcomers to find out what makes Brubaker so popular — and those already familiar with Brubaker know that this is a title they won't want to miss. Grade: A.

Lawton: Brubaker's version of *Rashomon*, except it's about breakups between lovers and friends, not about a murder. Also, it takes place in a modern U.S. high school and not in medieval Japan. OK, so it's not like *Rashomon* at all, but there was a Kurosawa festival at the Brattle recently, and I'm desperate to improve my cultural hipster quotient these days. If *you're* desperate to improve your cultural hipster quotient, you could do worse than to pick up *At the Seams*. Grade: A.

Retailers' grade: A-

Tom the Dancing Bug

Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned from My Golf-Playing Cats

NBM, 80 pages,$7.95

NBM's Terry Nantier: "This strip by Ruben Bolling appears in leading alternative weeklies and a number of prominent dailies, such as the *Washington Post*. Its wry humor presents various characters and social commentary from week to week, alternating at Bolling's whim. It includes the cartoon adventures of Max and Doug, the advice of Lawyer for Children Harvey Richards, 'Games Louis Plays,' 'The Dichotomies of Bob,' and 'The Adventures of Sam Roland, the Detective Who Dies.' And we promise that it has nothing at all to do with the cloyingly cute idea of golf-playing cats."

NBM: ***Tom the Dancing Bug: Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned from My Golf-Playing Cats*** (80 pages, $7.95)

Ginsberg: This collection of cartoon strips by Ruben Bolling features a bunch of his zany creations making cute, amusing, and poignant observations on everyday life. Bound to appeal to die-hard fans of cartooning and those aspiring to be cartoonists; at $7.95 for 80 pages, you'll have to decide for yourself if it's amusing enough. Grade: C+.

Mateer: The title, as the cover informs us, is "cynically designed to maximize appeal to the mass-market book-buying public" — and, if that made you smile, then you'll like this book. This series of stand-alone, one-page strips reminds me of the kind of thing you'd find in many college papers — smart, sometimes sophomoric looks at popular culture, childhood, art, and other topics, equal parts cynical and affectionate. Many of the 80 strips presented here got at least a smile — "Games Louis Plays" is a dead-on look at a 10-year-old's plans for revenge, and "How to Draw Like *The Far Side*" does a good job of nailing Gary Larson imitators — but the collection's price, at $7.95, might put a lot of potential readers off. Pick this up and read five pages at random; if you smile at least three times, then buy it. Grade: B-.

Denbow: Doesn't the title alone say it all? What more could one possibly add to entice you to read this new comic-strip collection? This is a fun collection, even if you have only a passing interest in comics. Grade: A+.

Lawton: Well, the disclaimer is right on the cover, so sharp-sighted buyers won't have to take my word that the ridiculous title has nothing to do with the contents of this compendium of Bolling's *Tom the Dancing Bug* strip. Ingenious one-page stories of familial advice, career instruction, vengeance, and soon-to-be-dead detectives. My personal favorite is "Revenge Plans for Paul Kelly," which reminds me of too much of my own history and how those who taunted me will someday pay. No, really. *They will.* Grade: B+.

Retailers' grade: B+

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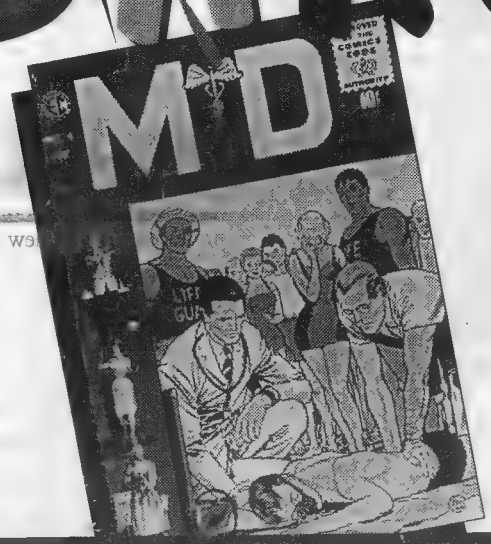

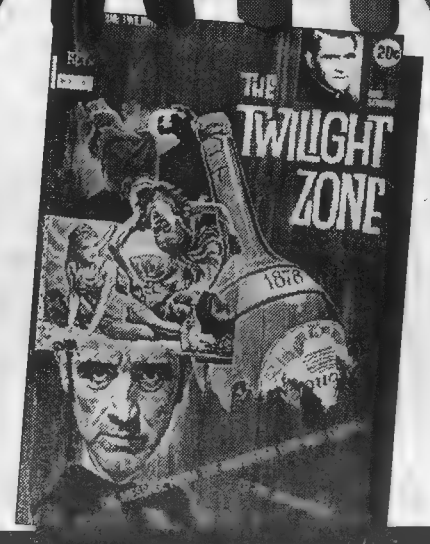

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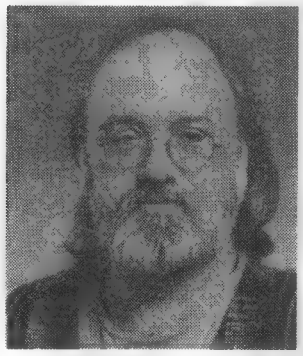
Comic conditioning

A Good condition comic book from the past decade and a half is the orphan stepchild of the comic-book marketplace.

In the mid-60's, when the collectible comic-book marketplace went through its first growth spurt, the standard price scale was 1-2-3. That is, Good condition comics were worth X, Fine condition copies of the same comic books were worth twice X, and Near Mint conditions (OK, we called 'em Mint back then — we weren't quite as picky, I guess) were worth three times X.



Cliff Biggers

"The big difference between the Golden/ Silver Age marketplace and the modern marketplace rests in that word 'uncirculated.'"

Boy, you should have heard the uproar that arose in the early 1980s, when Bob Overstreet shook up the marketplace by redefining that ratio as 1-3-6. That didn't necessarily mean that Near Mint comics were worth twice as much as they had been before the *Guide* came out. Instead, it meant that, in many cases, Good condition comics were worth half as much as they used to be. Some collections decreased in value tremendously overnight, while others soared in price.

Fans continue to seek out high-grade, hard-to-find copies of early Silver Age and Golden Age comic books, paying many multiples of guide prices (our guide, their guide, any guide) in order to get the most flawless copies in the marketplace. But in the past decade and a half, the marketplace has changed. **There is no set ratio any more.**

When was the last time you saw a retailer selling in "Good" or "Fine" condition a collectible comic book published in the past 10 years? Retailers generally deal in Near Mint (usually unread and uncirculated) copies of recent comics (recent being anything since about 1980). The Good condition market doesn't exist as such, because Good condition copies of comics from 1980-1997 are rare. When you *do* find them, they'll probably be priced as bargain comics or, at best, at ⅒ or ½ of the Near Mint price.

The big difference between the Golden/Silver Age marketplace and the modern marketplace rests in that word "uncirculated." If you're looking for a copy of *Amazing Fantasy* #15 or *Herbie* #3, you can rest assured that, when you find a copy, it came from a collector who bought it, read it, and then held onto it. Oh, it may have been tossed in a box and forgotten, but it was, nevertheless, a "used comic book," stored for decades and then sold. And, since comic books aren't designed to maintain perfect condition after multiple readings, finding Near Mint copies of these books was (and is) nearly impossible, because until the news media made the public aware that "funnybooks" were valuable (and that didn't become popular knowledge until the later 1960s), no one saw any reason to keep a comic book in perfect condition.

Test it yourself: Find someone who saves *TV Guides*. Ask to look at some of the issues and you'll usually see that they show obvious signs of use. And why not? After all, they're made to be *used*, right? And the news media haven't indoctrinated people to think of *TV Guides* as being valuable, so most people read 'em, use 'em, and toss 'em. Those who save them see them as reference tools, not as precious collectibles to be maintained in pristine condition.

The same for comic books in the 1960s. People weren't investing in them; they were *reading* them. If you were buying pre-owned comics, you were buying used merchandise and looked for the merchandise that showed the least wear.

But today, if you buy a back issue, it's more likely than not that it was bagged, boxed, and backstocked almost as soon as it was released, and, if it's been read at all, it's been read under the most controlled conditions, so as not to create any discernible wear. That's the way the back-issue market has worked, because for 30 years now we've been reminded by TV, newspapers, radio, and magazines that there's gold in the pages of comic books, and you can get rich if you have the right ones. Retailers who operated stores in the 1980s probably remember, as I do, the many customers who bought multiple copies of "hot books," so that they'd have one to read and one to bag. That extreme attitude is all but gone today, but the emphasis on perfection is still evident in back-issue boxes. No one wants to buy a recent comic book that looks as though it's been read by someone else.

Of course, publishers helped make such near-perfection easier by scaling their production values upward. Suddenly, comics were being printed on heavy stock, even on coated stocks that showed no signs of wear if they were read carefully. These comic books can be maintained in a Near Mint state fairly easily.

As a result, no one is looking to put money into "Good condition" comic books from the '80s and '90s. If you *were* looking, the odds are you couldn't find 'em. So, for all intents and purposes, a Good condition comic book from recent years has no value whatsoever — or it's worth an insignificant fraction of the listed Near Mint value.

But, speaking as a reader who grew up in the 1960s, I have to admit that I sort of miss those Good condition comics. They might not have been the prettiest collectibles, but their wear was more often than not a sign that someone had enjoyed the book, that it had fulfilled its entertainment duty. And isn't that the most important role a comic can play?

On Top Of The Trends

OUR INDEPENDENTS PRICE LISTING H-M FOLLOWS IN THIS SECTION.

Marketplace Minutes

Retailers here and there are reporting increasing demand for the Malibu *Mortal Kombat* comics. Prices aren't skyrocketing, but, as demand increases for these rarely backstocked comic books, look for these prices to continue. Since there's no *Mortal Kombat* comic book on the stands to satisfy demand, fans of the game and the movies have no choice but to buy the back issues — and, as that supply dwindles, prices are likely to hit double digits in the near future for the several first issues.

Demand for DC's *Impulse* is shifting into high gear, with fans scrambling to find the early appearances of this popular teen character. Don't expect the trade paperback to stabilize prices. In fact, it might increase demand, as new readers discover how appealing those early stories were.

Preacher prices appear to have peaked, but don't look for any precipitious pullbacks in the perceived value of these appealing comics. Can I say that without so many Ps? Sure: *Preacher* has leveled off, but don't expect prices to fall. Demand remains very high, as the title continues to generate great word of mouth.

The "Bad Girl" fall-off continues, and it's affecting not only orders for new comic books, but also prices of back issues. Many second-tier publishers who jumped on the "Bad Girl" bandwagon with variant covers, nude editions, *etc.*, are paying the price, as readers realize that there often isn't much story value there; few of those comics from the smaller imprints are selling at any price, and hardly any of them are moving at more than cover price.

Forget copying past successes. In the comics field now, the collecting successes appear to be the comic books that refuse to follow someone else's lead: Evan Dorkin's *Milk & Cheese*, Martin Wagner's *Hepcats*, *Kurt Busiek's Astro City*, Terry Moore's *Strangers in Paradise*. Fans appreciate that these titles don't attempt to be the latest take on "the flavor of the month." Demand for every one of these titles is pushing prices upward — and let's hope that's an indication that newcomers are reading these comic books and discovering just how good they are.

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Thanks to all who entered the contest in the ***Price Guide*** supplement to ***CBG*** #1220 and thanks, too, to Inverse Ink, Chaos Comics, DC Comics, Acclaim Comics, and Marvel Comics for providing some of the prizes.

***This* issue's contest** features the following prizes: *Spawn* #12 signed by Todd McFarlane, a Ninja Spawn action figure, *Marvels* #1, *Superman: Bizarro's World* TPB, and *Tomoe-Witchblade: Fire Sermon* #1.

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The prices given here are for near-mint comics. This is the most acceptable and general condition a collector desires for newer comics. A near-mint copy is almost perfect — with almost no signs of wear or aging. There might be one or two tiny defects discernable only on close examination (for example, an extremely slight flaking on the spine).

The condition of comics is a vital factor in determining comics values. The primary conditions used in grading are "poor" (undesirable in most collections), "fair," "good," "fine," and "mint." Other grades, including the "near-mint" we use, are steps between these. A "fair" issue would be worth about 20% of our price. A "fine" issue would be worth about 60% of our price. And a "mint" copy would be worth 120% of our price.

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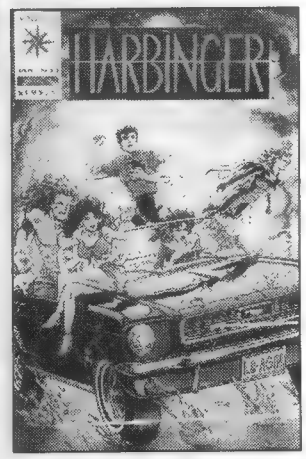

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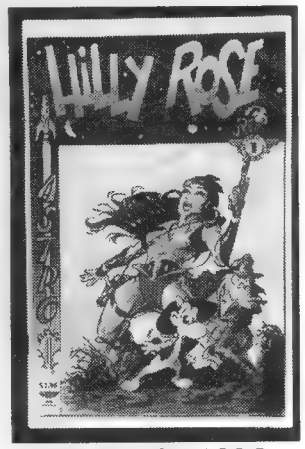

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We shade certain titles to call attention to price changes, character appearances, and other interesting facts, with many of these trivia tidbits indicated by the heading **Did-ja know?**

For example, like most Valiant titles, the entire run of *Harbinger* has been decreasing in value.

On the flip-side, *Hilly Rose's Space Adventure*, which became *Hilly Rose* is steadily increasing in value.

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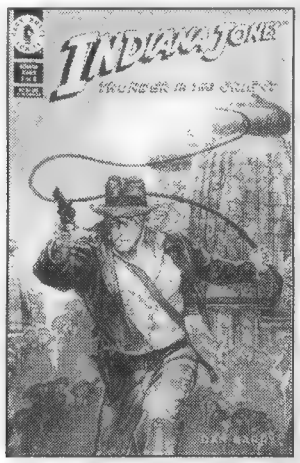

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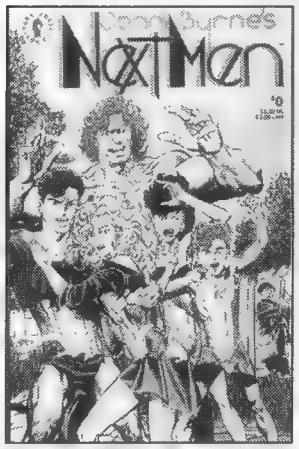

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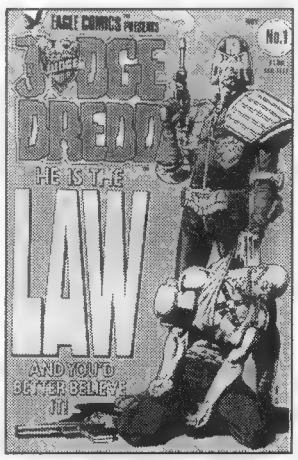

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Didja know?

The Judge Dredd stories that originally appeared in the English tabloid *2000 A.D.* have been reprinted in the United States under a number of different imprints, including Eagle, Quality, and Fleetway/Quality.

1-4 adult, b&w $1.95
5 ..... 2.25

I, LUSIPHUR (MULEHIDE)
1 b&w ..... $100.00+
2 b&w ..... 65.00+
3 b&w ..... 90.00+
4 b&w ..... 60.00+
5 b&w ..... 50.00+
6-7 b&w ..... 45.00+
8-9 b&w 22.00
10 (becomes *Poison Elves*); b&w 22.00

I.F.S. ZONE (KHB)
1-4 b&w $1.25

ICARUS (AIRCEL)
1-5 ..... $2.00

ICE AGE ON THE WORLD OF MAGIC: THE GATHERING (ACCLAIM/ARMADA)
1 prestige format collection of first two issues; polybagged with sheet of counters $4.95
2 prestige format collection of issues #3 and 4; polybagged with sheet of counters 4.95

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2 bound-in Chub Toad card from Ice Age 2.50
3-4 polybagged with sheet of creature tokens 2.50

ICICLE (HERO)
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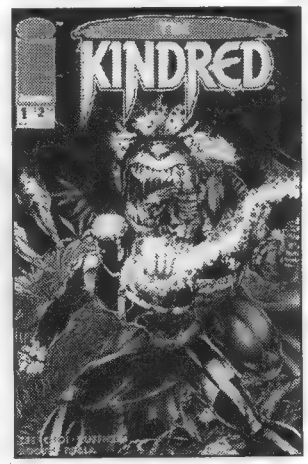

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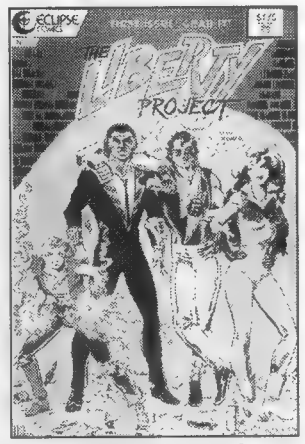

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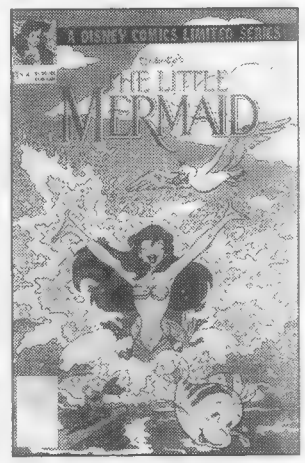

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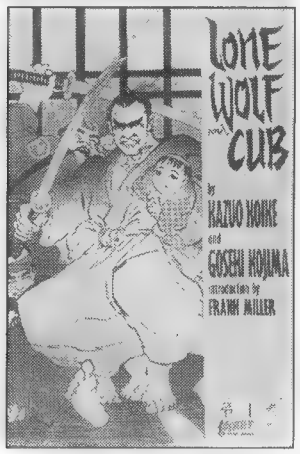

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The first authorized versions of the Lone Wolf and Cub live-action movies recently became available in the United States on both videocassette and laserdisc.

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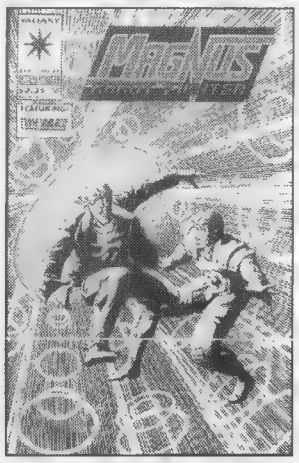
Several of the cast members of the original TV series are making cameo appearances in the *Lost in Space* movie.



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1-3 ..... $3.95
MR. MONSTER'S HI-SHOCK SCHLOCK (ECLIPSE)
1-2 ..... $1.75
MR. MONSTER'S HI-VOLTAGE SUPER SCIENCE (ECLIPSE)
1 ..... $1.75
MR. MONSTER'S HIGH OCTANE HORROR (ECLIPSE)
1 ..... $1.75
MR. MONSTER'S THREE-DIMENSIONAL HI-OCTANE HORROR (ECLIPSE)
1 ..... $2.00
MR. MONSTER'S TRIPLE THREAT 3-D (3-D ZONE)
nn $3.95
MR. MONSTER'S TRUE CRIME (ECLIPSE)
1-2 Jack Cole $1.75
MR. MONSTER'S WEIRD TALES OF THE FUTURE (ECLIPSE)
1 BW $1.75
MR. NIGHTMARE'S WONDERFUL WORLD (MOONSTONE)
4 b&w;"Put on Your Party Pants" Pt. 1 of 3 ..... $2.95
5 b&w;"Put on Your Party Pants" Pt. 2 of 3 ..... 2.95
MR. T AND THE T-FORCE (NOW)
1 NA, trading card $1.95
1 Gold, advance 100.00
2-5 trading card 1.95
MS. ANTI-SOCIAL (HELPLESS ANGER)
nn b&w, 16 pages $1.75
MS. CYANIDE & ICE (BLACK OUT)
1 Sly & Furious preview $2.95
MS. FANTASTIC (CONQUEST)
1-4 adult, b&w $2.95
MS. FANTASTIC CLASSICS (CONQUEST)
1 adult, b&w $2.95
MS. MYSTIC (CONTINUITY)
1 NA,O:Ms. Mystic $2.00
2-4 NA 2.00
5-6 NA(c); Comics Code 2.00
7-8 ..... 2.00
MS. MYSTIC (PACIFIC)
1 NA, Origin $2.00
2 NA 1.50
MS. MYSTIC (Vol. 2, 1993) (CONTINUITY)
1-4 ..... $2.50
MS. MYSTIC: DEATHWATCH 2000 (CONTINUITY)
1 ..... $2.50
2-3 trading card 2.50
MS. QUOTED TALES (CHANCE)
1 ..... $1.50
MS. TREE (ECLIPSE)
1 ..... $5.00
2-3 ..... 3.00

4-8 ..... 2.00
9 (moves to Aardvark Vanaheim) 2.00
MS. TREE (former Eclipse title) (AARDVARK-VANAHEIM)
10-17 ..... $3.00
18 (moves to Renegade Press) 3.00
MS. TREE (was Aardvark Vanaheim title) (RENEGADE)
19-49 b&w $2.00
50 flexidisc, JK 2.75
MS. TREE 3-D (RENEGADE)
1 ..... $2.00
MS. TREE SUMMER SPECIAL (RENEGADE)
1 b&w $2.00
MS. TREE'S 1950'S THREE-DIMENSIONAL CRIME (RENEGADE)
1 3-D $2.50
MS. VICTORY SPECIAL (AC)
1 color $1.75
MUMMY ARCHIVES, THE (MILLENNIUM)
1 ..... $2.50
MUMMY OR RAMSES THE DAMNED, THE (MILLENNIUM)
1 ..... $4.00
2-12 ..... 2.50
MUMMY'S CURSE, THE (AIRCEL)
1-4 b&w $2.25
MUMMY, THE (MONSTER)
1-4 b&w $1.95
MUNDEN'S BAR ANNUAL (FIRST)
1 BB,SR $2.95
2 TMNT, Omaha 5.95
MUPPET BABIES (HARVEY)
1-2 ..... $1.25
3-6 ..... 1.50
MUPPET BABIES ADVENTURES (HARVEY)
1 ..... $1.25
MUPPET BABIES BIG BOOK (HARVEY)
1 ..... $1.95
MURCIELAGA SHE-BAT (HEROIC)
1 b&w $1.50
2 b&w 2.95
MURCIELAGA SHE-BAT (REVOLUTIONARY)
3 b&w $2.95
MUSIC COMICS (PERSONALITY)
2-3 color $2.95
4 b&w 2.50
MUSIC COMICS ON TOUR (PERSONALITY)
1 Beatles, b&w $2.95
MUTANT BOOK OF THE DEAD, THE (STARHEAD)
1 adult;b&w $2.50
MUTANT CHRONICLES (ACCLAIM/ARMADA)
1-4 "Golgotha";cardstock cover;polybagged with Doom Trooper card ... $2.95
MUTANT CHRONICLES SOURCEBOOK (ACCLAIM/ARMADA)
1 cardstock cover;polybagged with card $2.95
MUTANT ZONE (AIRCEL)
1-3 b&w $2.50
MUTANTS AND MISFITS (SILVERLINE)
1 color $1.95
MUTANTS VS. ULTRAS: FIRST ENCOUNTERS (MALIBU/ULTRAVERSE)
1 reprints *Prime vs. Hulk, Night Man vs. Wolverine,* and *Exiles vs. X-Men*. $6.95
MYRON MOOSE FUNNIES (FANTAGRAPHICS)
1-3 ..... $1.75
MYSTERYMEN STORIES (BOB BURDEN PRODUCTIONS)
1 b&w prose story with illustrations $5.00
MYSTERY MAN, THE (SLAVE LABOR)
1-2 b&w $1.75
MYTH (mini-series) (FYGMOK)
1 b&w;wraparound cover $2.95
2 b&w 2.95
MYTH CONCEPTIONS (APPLE)
1-3 b&w $5.00
4-8 ..... 1.95
MYTHADVENTURES (WARP)
1-8 ..... $1.50
9 (moves to Apple) 1.50
MYTHADVENTURES (former Warp title) (APPLE)
10-11 b&w $1.50
12 ..... 1.75
MYTHOS (WONDER COMIX)
1-2 ..... $1.50

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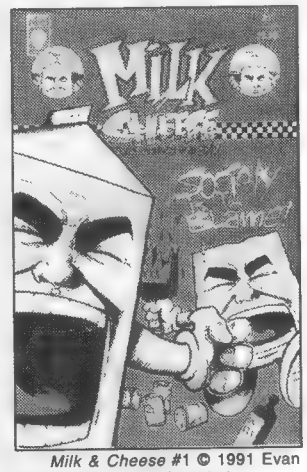

Milk & Cheese #1 © 1991 Evan Dorkin (Slave Labor Graphics)

All issues and all printings of *Milk & Cheese* have increased in value, in some cases doubling and tripling their near-mint prices. A seventh issue of the adventures of the dairy products gone bad is scheduled to ship in June. To see what our board of retailers had to say about the issue, see Page 66.

The Mummy or Ramses the Damned #1 © 1991 Anne Rice (Millennium)

Calendar Notes

• **Shows** listed are multiple-day, non-mall-show events with the primary focus on comic books. Further information about these and other shows, as well as creator appearances, can be found each week in the *CBG* features *What, Where, and When* and *Now Appearing*.

• **Illustration Art Auction**, 1 p.m. May 3 at Illustration House, 96 Spring St., 7th Floor, SoHo, New York. Auction items include works by Charles Addams, Walt Kelly, Winsor McCay, Patrick Oliphant, and Dr. Seuss. Auction preview runs through May 2. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Info: (212) 966-9644.

• **WonderCon**, April 25-27, Oakland Convention Center and Oakland Marriott at City Center, 1001 Broadway at 10th St., Oakland, CA. Events include summer movie previews, a benefit art auction for Literacy Volunteers of America, and the 1997 Harvey Awards ceremony. Guests include Kurt Busiek, Peter David, Los Bros Hernandez, Michael Kaluta, Don Rosa, Alex Ross, and Steve Rude. Hours: Friday 12-7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission: $15/day, $35/three days, children 6-12 half price, Girl Scouts of America 85th anniversary special. Girl Scouts in uniform admitted free.

Continuing This Week

• **Action Adventures: The Comic Book Art of Scott Rosema**, on display through May 11 at the Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon, MI. Closed Mondays. Admission is free.

• **Cartoon Art Museum**, 814 Mission St., San Francisco, CA. Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is $4 for adults, $3 for students and seniors, and $2 for children ages 6-12. Info: (415) CAR-TOON. Current exhibits: **Bay Area Spotlight: Brian Biggs** exhibit features more than 30 original drawings from Biggs' *Dear Julia* and *Frederick & Eloise* comic books, on display through May 18.

Bay Area Spotlight: Fiona Mayne exhibit features original works by 11-year-old Fiona Mayne, who won in three different classes at the Marin County Fair Cartoon Contest. The exhibit consists of her blue-ribbon entries from 1996 and her first-place cartoon from 1995's contest, on display through May 18.

City of Tears: Enki Bilal, a 25-year retrospective of the French cartoonist's work, features more than 100 original pen-and-ink drawings by Bilal, on display through May 25.

• **Englehart: Hangin' at the Old State House**, original political cartoon art by *The Hartford Courant* cartoonist Bob Englehart, continues through June 14 at The Old State House, 10 State House Square, Hartford, CT. Admission is free. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: (860) 522-6766.

• **European Comics: Another Image** touring exhibit, on display through May 22 at the Iberia Parish Main Library, 445 East Main St., New Iberia, LA. The exhibit consists of: 65 framed reproductions of strips and bilingual presentation texts, presented in 10 sections covering the major genres and styles of European comics; displays of books, magazines, and merchandising; videos based on comics heroes; and a reading area with approximately 150 European comics. Info: (318) 373-0075. The next tour stop is in Chicago.

• **Four Color Images**, 32 Watts St., New York, NY. Open Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 12-5:30 p.m. Info: (212) 431-4234. Current exhibit: **Tim Sale: Batman: The Long Halloween** continues through May 24. Features original pen-and-ink pages from the mini-series.

• **International Museum of Cartoon Art**, 201 Plaza Real, P.O. Box 1643, Boca Raton, FL 33429 (407) 391-2200. Current exhibits: **Remembering the Magic: A Celebration of Walt Disney World** commemorates the park's 25th anniversary with an exhibit of art, artifacts, and memorabilia including original ride cars from the park, on display at the museum through May 25.

• **Science Fiction, Fantasy and Space Exploration** exhibit including art by comics artists Ronn Sutton, Janet Hetherington, Den Beauvais, and Dave Ross, on display through May 31 at the Nepean Museum, 16 Rowley Road, Nepean, Ontario (near Ottawa). Info: (613) 723-7936.

• **Words & Pictures Museum**, 140 Main St., Northampton, MA. Info: (413) 586-8545. Museum hours: Tuesday-Thursday and Sunday 12-5 p.m.; Friday 12-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Current exhibits: **Paul Mavrides** exhibit continues through June 1.

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WonderCon in Oakland, Calif. Final day. See Calendar Notes.

Born on this date:
Barry Shapiro (1947) **50** years ago
Larry Nibert (1952) **45** years ago
Jan Mullaney (1953)
Faye Perozich (1963)

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Born on this date:
Dick Ayers (1924)
Will Murray (1953)
Greg Hyland (1969)

TUES APR 29

***CBG* #1226** ships — Here there be dragons! Special issue featuring dragons in comics and coverage of Dragon Con.

Born on this date:
Michael Davis (1958)

New comics scheduled to ship this week

The following information is taken from publisher and distributor solicitations and updates and is as accurate as possible at press time. Check with your local retailer to find out what day new comics go on the shelves. Comics that are delayed or rescheduled will be tracked in future *CBG Calendars*.

Note: ✪ indicates a rescheduled comic book that appeared in a previous *CBG Calendar*.

Acclaim
Magnus Robot Fighter #4, $2.50
Quantum Leap Special, $3.95
Troublemakers #5, $2.50

Amaze Ink/Slave Labor Graphics
Replacement God #8, $2.95

Antarctic Press
Gold Digger #35, $2.95
Luftwaffe 1946 #2, $2.95
✪ *Shotgun Mary: Blood Lore* #2 (of 4), $2.95 (Apr. 13-19)
✪ *Warrior Nun: Black and White* #2, $2.95 (Apr. 20-26)

Archie Comics
Betty & Veronica Spectacular #24, $1.50
Laugh Digest #135, $1.79

Bongo Comics
Simpsons #30, $2.25

Caliber Comics
Book of Angels #1, $3.95

Dark Horse Comics
Blade of the Immortal: Call of the Worm #1 (of 3), $3.95
✪ *Comic Book* #3, $5.95 (Mar. 16-22)
Predator: Hell & Hot Water #1 (of 3), $2.95
Usagi Yojimbo #12, $2.95
What's Michael?, $5.95

DC Comics
Action Comics #734, $1.95
Batman: Legends of the Dark Knight #95, $1.95
Catwoman #46, $1.95
Flash #126, $1.75
✪ *Hardware* #51 (final issue), $2.50 (Mar)
Hellblazer #114, $2.25
Hitman #15, $2.25
Invisibles Vol. 2 #5, $2.50
Legion of Super Heroes #93, $2.25
Robin #42, $1.95
Scare Tactics #7, $2.25
Spectre #54, $2.50
Superboy #40, $1.95
Superboy & The Ravers #10, $1.95
Teen Titans #9, $1.95
Vermillion #9, $2.50
Wonder Woman #122, $1.95

Entity Comics
Snowman: 1944 #4 (of 4), $2.75 (spec. ed., $3.50)
Stargate: Underworld #1A (of 1), $2.75 (#1B, $3.50)
Virgin: Till Death Do Us Part, $2.75 (spec. ed., $3.50)

Fantagraphics Books
✪ *New Love* #4, $2.95 (Mar)

Gladstone Comics
Donald Duck #303, $1.95
Uncle Scrooge Adv. #48, $1.95
WDC&S Penny Pincher #3 (of 3), 99¢

Image Comics
Aaron Strips #1, $2.95
Curse of The Spawn #8, $1.95
Darkness #5, $2.50
Savage Dragon Red Horizon #3 (of 3), $2.95
Witchblade #14, $2.50

London Night Studios
Ultimate Strike #4, $3

Marvel Comics
Cable and X-Force '97, $2.99
Captain America #8, $1.95
Devil Dinosaur Spring Fling, $2.99
Elektra #8, $1.95
Spectacular Spider-Man #247, $1.95
X-Force #67, $1.95
X-Men Unlimited #15, $2.99

Sirius Entertainment
Crypt of Dawn #2, $2.95
Poison Elves #22, $2.50

Comics MIA

We have received confirmation that the following titles listed in previous MIA sections have shipped: *Eh!* #1, *Invasion* #1, and *My Romantic Adventures* #1 from ACG; *Hepcats* #2 from Antarctic; and *Wandering Star* #20 from Sirius. This reflects shipping information received through April 11. Our thanks to everyone who called or wrote with updates.

The following comics were scheduled to ship approximately 30 or more days ago; however, we have not been able to confirm that they have actually been released, nor, as far as we have been able to determine, have they been rescheduled. If you have any of the issues listed below, please let us know. We'd especially appreciate it if you could include the information we need to list the comic book in the *CBG Price Guide*. From the indicia of the comic book: The full title, issue number, month, and year, as well as the U.S. price given on the cover.

Abiogenesis Press
Strangehaven #6, $2.95 (Feb)

Academy Comics Ltd.
Mobile Armour Halberder #2, $2.95 (Feb. 23-Mar. 1)

ACG
Best of Dizzy Dames #1, $2.95 (Feb)

Amaze Ink/Slave Labor Graphics
Murder Can Be Fun #5, $2.95 (Feb)

Angel Entertainment
Secret Files: The Strange Case #1, $2.95 (nude eds., $5 and $15) (Feb)

Animagic
High Flying Adventures of the Balloonatiks #1-3, $1.95 (Feb)

Antarctic Press
Amazing Adventures of Professor Jones #3, #4 (of 4), $2.95 (Feb, Mar)
Hepcats #3, #4, $2.95 (Feb, Mar)
Magical Mates #7 (of 9), $2.95 (Feb. 2-8)
Perazim #3 (of 3), $2.95 (Feb. 2-8)
Tigers of Terra #25, $2.95 (Feb. 9-15)

Ariel Press
Sapphire #3, $2.95 (Feb)

Atlantis Comics
Crystal War #1 (of 3), $3.50 (Feb)
Grey Wolf #1 (of 3), $3.50 (Feb)

Bad Habit
Father & Son #5, $2.95 (Feb)

Blackeye Productions
Paradise Sucks, $5.95 (Feb)

Caliber Comics
Explorers #3, $2.95 (Feb)
Kaos Moon #3, $2.95 (Feb)
Level X #1, $2.95 (Feb)

Claypool Comics
Soulsearchers #22, $2.50 (Feb)

Comico
Elementals Hot Bikini Valentine Edition #1, $3.95 (Feb)
Elementals: The Vampire's Revenge #3, $2.95 (Feb)
Esc: No Exit #2, $2.95 (Feb)

Creation Studios
Delusion #1, $2.50 (Feb)

Curtiss Comics
Cypha #1, $2.95 (Feb)

Dancing Elephant Press
Kane #15, $3.50 (Feb)

Dark Horse
Brave #1 (of 4), $2.95 (Feb. 23-Mar. 1)
Warrior of Waverly Street: Broodstorm, $2.95 (Mar. 2-8)

David World Press
Demolitionist #2, $2.50 (Feb)

Drawn & Quarterly
Nowhere #2, $3.75 (Feb)

El Salto Comics
Aztec of the City #3, $1.85 (Feb)

Entity Comics
Nira X: Anime #1 (of 3), $2.95 (spec. ed., $3.50) (Feb)

Fantaco
Funny Business — Confessions of a Comic Book Artist #3 (of 3), $4.95 (Feb)

Fantagraphics
Carol Tyler's Greatest Zits, $9.95 (Feb)
Pogo Vol. 6, $9.95 (Feb)

Fleetway UK
2000 AD #1033, $2.25 (Feb)

Fry Vision
Domain #3, $2.50 (Feb)

Fygmok Studio
Myth #3, $2.95 (Feb)

Hall of Heroes
Sinister: The Road to Thelema #1, $2.50 (Feb)

Halloween Comics
Chiller #3, $2.95 (Feb)

Heretic Press
Six Degrees Vol. II #1, $2.95 (Feb)

High Impact
Bad Girl: The Magazine, $6.95 (Feb)
Nikki Blade: Forever Nikki #0 Reg, $3 (Feb)

Hubris Press
Creatures of Grace #1, $2.95 (Feb)

Knight Press
Excruciator #1, $2.95 (Feb)
Knight's Round Table #4, $2.95 (Feb)
Spook City #1, $2.95 (Feb)

La Comedie Illustree
Pleasantly Disturbed, $3.95 (Feb)
Vauxhall #1, $3.95 (Feb)

Marvel
Clueless: Spring Fever #1, $3.99 (Mar. 2-8)
Clueless Valentine #1, $2.50 (Feb. 2-8)
Wolverine Encyclopedia #3, $5.95 (Feb. 9-15)

Maximum Press
Asylum #12, $2.99 (Feb)
Battlestar Galactica Compendium #1, $2.99 (Feb)
Cabbot: Bloodhunter #2, $2.50 (Feb)
Cybrid #1, $2.99 (Feb)
Power Rangers Zeo/Youngblood #1, $2.99 (Feb)
Shaft #1, $2.50 (Feb)

Mikey-Sized Comics
Von Fange Brothers: The Solo Adventures #3, $1.75 (Feb)

Millennium
Armageddon Rising #1 Song of the Sirens, Cycle #2, $2.95 (Feb)

Mythic Comics
Fangs of the Cobra #2, $2.95 (Feb)
Leitmotiv #3, $2.95 (Feb)
Stuff #2, $2.95 (Feb)

Powder Monkey Productions
Europa and the Pirate Twins #3 (of 4), $2.95 (Feb)

Prolix Press
Chosen #3, $2.50 (Feb)

Rath of God Publishing
Barron Vangor Toth's Chosen #3 (of 5), $2.95 (Feb)

666 Comics
Axa — The Endtime Chronicles #1, $2.95 (Feb)

Symptom Comics
Modern Grimm #2, $2.95 (Feb)

Tipping Cows
Wartblade #2 (two covers), $2.95 (nude eds., $9.95) (Feb)

Topps Comics
X-Files Season One #8, $3.95 (Feb)
X-Files: Afterflight, $5.95 (Feb)

World Comics
California Girls Vol. 2 #1, $1.50 (Feb)
Coffee World Comics #2, $1.50 (Feb)
Cowgirls #1, $2.95 (Feb)
Hardware Wars #1, $2.95 (Feb)

ADULT COMICS

Antarctic Press
Melty Feeling #4 (of 10), $3.50 (Feb)

CPM
La Blue Girl #8, $2.95 (Feb)

Fantagraphics/Eros
Blonde: 12 Pearls #4, $2.95 (Feb)
Bondage Girls at War #6, $2.95 (Feb)
Complete Crumb Comics Vol. 12: Lap o Luxury, $18.95 (hardcover, $39.95; signed hardcover, $75) (Feb)

Verotik
Satanika #7, $2.95 (Feb)

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Born on this date:
William Overgard (1926)
Sal Trapani (1927) **70** years ago
Laura Ward (1954)
Nat Gertler (1965)

THURS MAY 1

May Day

Born on this date:
Alex Nino (1940)
Phil Foglio (1956)
Tim Sale (1956)
Mike Anderson (1971)

FRI MAY 2

Born on this date:
Glenn Herdling
Doug Wildey (1922) **75** years ago
Howard Cruse (1944)
Jerry Scott (1955)
Debbie David (1959)
Ryan Brown (1962) **35** years ago

SAT MAY 3

Illustration Art Auction in New York City. See Calendar Notes.

Born on this date:
John Cullen Murphy (1919)
Mell Lazarus (1927) **70** years ago
Denny O'Neil (1939)
Bill Sienkiewicz (1958)
Chris Ulm (1963)
Harrison Fong (1964)
Adam Hughes (1967) **30** years ago

New comics preview: Coming in May part 2 — Publishers G-Z

G Spot
Leather Society #2, $2.95

Gemstone Publishing
Two-Fisted Tales #20, $2.50
Vault of Horror #20, $2.50
Weird Fantasy #20, $2.50

Ghettostone Publications
Ramzees Return Book One, $3.50

Gladstone Comics
Donald Duck Adventures #45, $1.95
Uncle Scrooge #305, $1.95
Uncle Scrooge Adventures #49, $1.95
Walt Disney's Comics and Stories #614, $6.95
Walt Disney's Comics and Stories Penny Pincher #4, 99¢

Good Comics
Tribe #1, $2.95

Gratuitous Bunny Comix
Sleaze Castle: Director's Cut #7, $2.95

Ground Zero Comics
Fangs of the Widow #13, $3

Hall of Heroes
Hall of Heroes Presents #4, $2.50
Hall of Horrors #1, $2.50

Harris Comics
Pantha: Haunted Passion, $2.95
Vampirella vs. Hemorrhage #2 (of 3), $3.50

Helikon Comics
Galaxion #1, $2.75

High Impact Studios
Bad Apples #3, $2.95 (spec. ed., $10)
Nikki Blade #0, $2.95 (spec. ed., $10)

Hugo Rex
Bionic Dog #2, $3.50

I Box Publishing
Thieves & Kings #17, $2.35

Image Comics
Adventures of Aaron #2, $2.95
Age of Heroes #4, $2.95
Arcanum #3, $2.50
Backlash #32, $2.50
Badger #1, $2.95
Big Bang Comics #11, $2.95
Curse of Spawn #9, $1.95
Darkchylde: The Diary #1, $2.50
Distant Soil #20, $2.95
DV8 #8, $2.50
Freak Force #3, $2.95
Gen[13] #19, $2.50
Gen[13] Annual #1, $2.95
Gen[13] Bootleg #7, $2.50
Grifter #11, $2.50
Headhunters #2, $2.95
Hellshock #5, $2.50
Immortal 2 #1, $2.50
Leave It to Chance #7, $2.50
Maxx #30, $1.95
Nameless #1, $2.95
Replacement God #1, $2.95
Savage Dragon #39, $2.50
Savant Garde #3, $2.50
Soulwind #3 (of 4), $2.95
Spawn #62, $1.95
Stormwatch #48, $2.50
Strangers in Paradise Vol. 3 #6, $2.75
Tales of the Witchblade #2, $2.95
Tenth #4, $2.50
Touch of Silver #3, $2.95
Weapon Zero #13, $2.50
Wetworks #29, $2.50
WildC.A.T.S #38, $2.50
Wildstorm Spotlight #4, $2.50

Inferno Studios
Zomboy #5, $2.95

Infinity Comics
Infinity #1 (of 4), $2.95

Kitchen Sink Press
Awakening #3 (of 4), $3.50
Oink: Blood and Circus #1, $4.95
Rocketship Go! #1, $3.50

Knight Press
Warlace: Artifacts #1, $2.95

Kosmic Comic Productions
Ravager #2, $3.55

Labor of Love Productions
Glyph #3, $4.95

Legion Press
Bad Game, $15

Lightning Comics
Death of Bloodfire #1 (2 versions), $3 (spec. eds., $9.95)
Hellina: The Relic (2 versions), $2.95 (nude eds., $9.95)

Lightspeed Press
Finder #4, $2.95

Limelight Publishing Co.
Guardian Knights: Demons Knight #2, $2.95

London Night Studios
Full Metal Fiction #2, $3.95
Jurassic Jane #1, $3 (nude ed., $6)
Poizon: Cadillacs & Green Tomatoes #2, $3 (nude ed., $6)
Razor Uncut #35, $3
Razor Vol. 2 #6, $3
Sisters of Mercy: Paradise Lost #2, $2.50
Tommi Gunn #3, $3 (nude ed., $6)
Ultimate Strike #5, $3

Lost Cause Productions
Spandex Tights Vol. 2 #3, $2.95

Mad Monkey Press
Dark Town #5 (of 13), $3.95
Gate Thrashers #2, $3.95
Magician's Village: The Goblin King, $6.95

Magi Studios
Tales from the Ravaged Lands #9, $2.50

Mantle Press
Locke and Lode #1, $2.95

Mariah Graphics
Jonathan Fox #3, $2

Marvel Comics
Alpha Flight: In the Beginning, $1.95
Amazing Spider-Man #-1, $1.95
Avengers #-1, $1.95
Beast #3, $2.50
Cable #-1, $1.95
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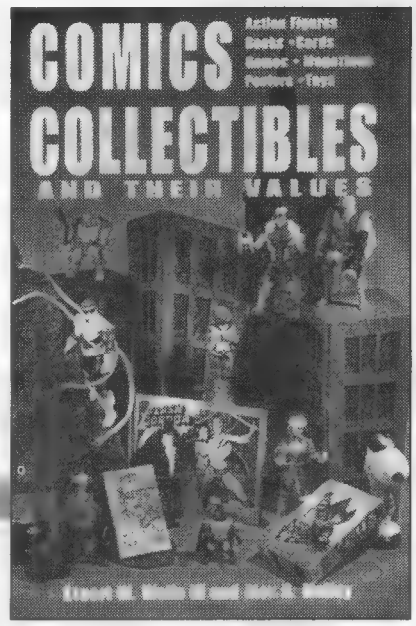

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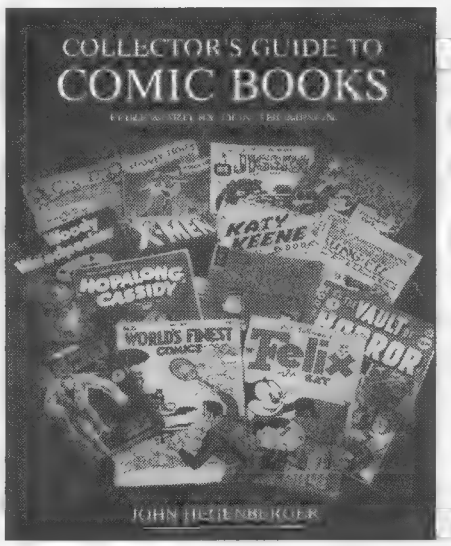

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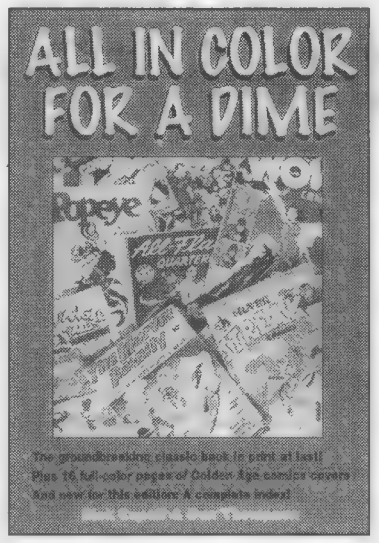

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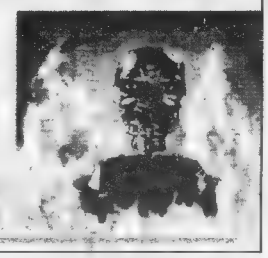

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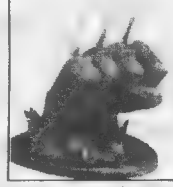

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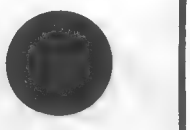

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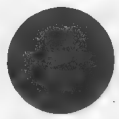

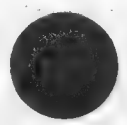

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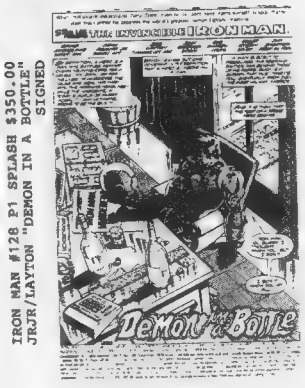

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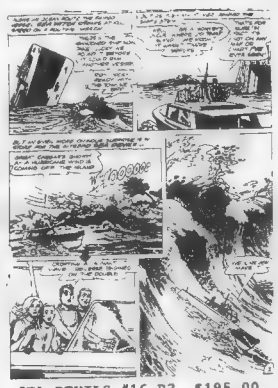

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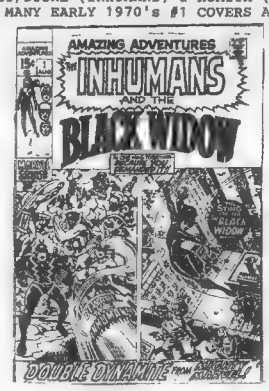

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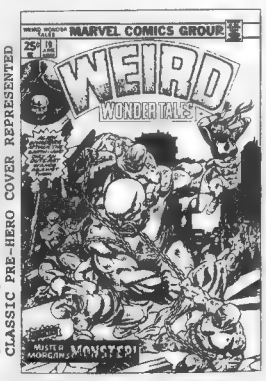

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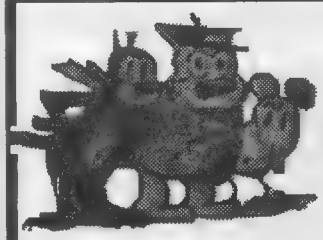

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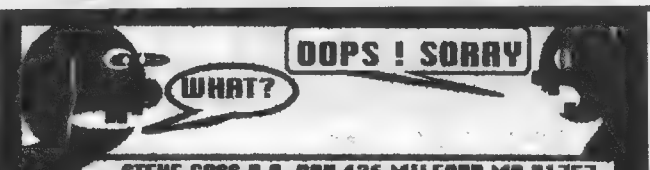

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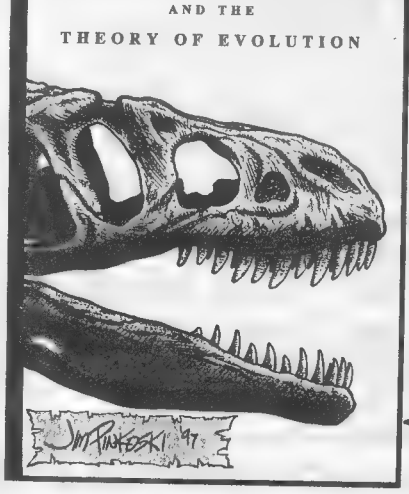

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DOC SAVAGE. Complete set available in first printing editions. Most never read. Send SASE Howard Michaels, Jr., 706 North Cottage, Mercer, PA 16137-9319.

4431 PAPERBACKS, WANTED

VAMPIRELLA PAPERBACK #6 still needed in NM condition. This was published during the Warren magazine run. I'll pay reasonable price. Mike 508-533-6033.

KEITH LAUMER Embassy, most Doc Savage, Operator S, Phantom Detective, Secret Agent X. VF-NM only. Mike Robertson, PO Box 372, Maple Valley, WA 98038.

RAY BRADBURY'S the Autumn People and Tomorrow Midnight, send price and condition to: Kate Hellwege, 245 Sherwood Ave., Hamilton, NJ 08619.

4441 PULPS, WANTED

DOC SAVAGE March 1933, Man of Bronze. Mike Coppo, 724 Shade Tree Dr., Austin, TX 78748.

PLANET STORIES Summer 1948, winter 1950, September 1952, May 1953, 1954 and later issues VG or better. Danforth, 294 Sibley Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089.

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4450 MAGAZINES, FOR SALE

TV GUIDES: My Favorite Martian (1964), Combat (1964) $14, $2 postage each or $25 both postpaid. Janice Hanks, 116 School St., Littleton, NH 03561. 603-444-5134.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED Swimsuit Issues: 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, Mint condition, $15 each postpaid. Stuart Ng, 5900 West 76th St., Los Angeles, CA 90045. 310-645-4648.

ADULT MAGAZINE bulk sale. Penthouse, Playboy, Genesis, and others. Large box for $250. Age statement required! Howard Michaels, Jr., 706 North Cottage, Mercer, PA 16137-9319.

1990'S FANGORIAS: Low grade copies Creepy, Eerie, Vampirella, early starlogs. $2 or less each. LSASE for list. J. Lee, 245 W. 24th St., Chicago, IL 60616.

NOT JUST Another Pretty Face, R.C. Harvey's 144 page paperback book of girlie cartoons and sex object essays, $18 autographed. 2701 Maplewood, Champaign, IL 61821.

SF MAGAZINES: Starlog, Analog, Asimov, Omni, F&SF, Comics Interview, Bradley's Fantasy. Plus: Highlander, posters, horror comics. Send long SASE. Magazines, PO Box 5121, Manchester, NH 03108.

CREEPY #2, 6, 14, 1971 yearbook, Eerie #3, 7, 41. VG or better, $10 each plus shipping. Scott Matheson, 14 Oxford, Melrose, MA 02176. 617-665-6450.

24 PLAYBOYS 1/95-12/96, VF-NM, $30 plus S&H. X-Files Comic 7/95 TV Guide, submission copy, F+-VF, $5 ppd. or free with Playboy purchase. 508-993-1355.

4451 MAGAZINES, WANTED

MONSTER MAGAZINES and fanzines wanted: Famous Monsters #1-32, 69-103, Little Shoppe of Horrors, FXRH, Photon, others. Steve Dolnick, Box 69-G, East Meadow, NY 11554. 516-486-5085.

4451 MAGAZINES, WANTED

I'LL PAY $20 for comlete, undamaged copy of Bachelor Girls 1973 annual. Send photocopy of cover to: Ed Eatinger, PO Box 838, Ashland, OR 97520.

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WANTED: FHM magazines, September 1996 issue. Send prices to: Bob Supina, PO Box 853, Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520.

MAD #105 wanted in Fine or better condition. Also #299 in NM. Send condition/ price info. to: Bryan, 4257 Lester NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

SAVAGE SWORD of Conan #'s 48, 65, 66, 96, 98, 99, 102, 109, 110, 121, 127, 128. Ken Kooistra, 338 Jefferson Ct., Trappe, PA 19426.

4452 SCIENCE FICTION, FOR SALE

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STAR TREK 3-3/4" Aliens, Rigellian, Zaranite, Megante, Arcturian, all on original cards, near mint, cards good, $250 each. All-$825. Rogofsky, Box 107-CB, Glen Oaks, NY 11004.

STAR TREK The Next Generation. Complete working Hallmark store display for 1993 Christmas tree ornament, $499 postpaid. Stuart Schiff, 70 Highland Ave., Binghamton, NY 13905-4125.

HARDBOOKS, PAPERBACKS, comics, magazines, tapes, art, SASE to: David Hissong, 17931 New Gambier Rd., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050.

KIRK OR Spock vinyl head mask, 1990 mint w/tag, $15 ea. ppd. Good Time Charlies, 114 W. Knox, Ennis, TX 75119. 972-875-9737.

TREK VIDEOS: Wok, Search For Spock (both letterboxed) and Cage. Originals. All three: $20 postpaid. Peterson, 405 So. 16th St., #402, Omaha, NE 68102-2610 GRPAisA@aol.com.

4601 REPRINTS, WANTED

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PAYING $12 (postpaid) for the Lone Ranger Rides Again full color trade paperback published by Pure Imagination in NM. Mark Klein, 147-09 78th Rd., Flushing, NY 11367-3535.

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FRAZETTA POSTERS! 25 assorted, no doubles, $50 postpaid. Send requests, mailed rolled. Flat mail: $5 extra postage. Feduniewicz, Box 1016, Island Heights, NJ 08732.

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TOPPS STAR Wars, Empire, Jedi with stickers, ppd., $100 per set. Robert Loeffler, 385 Crosby Ave., Kenmore, NY 14217. 716-875-5986.

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SETS SPIDER-MAN II $2, Wolverine 1992 $3, Youngblood $2, Shadowhawk $2, Punisher $2, Valiant $2.50, postage $6. Yanosik, Box 931, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

SALE: TOPPS 1975 and 1976 Superheroes sticker sets w/ puzzle, with waxpack, Mint, $65 ea., $120 both postpaid. Michael Wilczek, 33 Arlington Ave., Auburn, NY 13021.

STAR TREK Phase I, II, and III sets $12 ppd. Star Trek 25th Ann. Sets I, II $10 ppd. Chase cards avaialble. Laurie Parker, 618-544-8313.

SAVAGE DRAGON Prisms $4, Spiderman Series 2 Prisms $5, Wolverine II prisms $5 set, X-Men 92 set w/holograms $15 ppd. Ben Apilado, 99-113 Kohomua St., Aiea, HI 96701.

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JURASSIC PARK set 88 cds., 11 stickers $12, holograms $4 ea., Jack Kirby set $5, mint, $2 shipping. Ben Apilado, 99-113 Kohomua St., Aiea, HI 96701. SASE/list.

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MAGIC: DARK Packs $5 ea. Call for shipping. Digital Heroes, 13 Boyer Ave., Walla Walla, WA 99362. 888-DHEROES. E-Mail: dighero@bmi.net www.digitalheroes.com

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WACKY PACKAGES Handbook is the best for wacky knowledge and pics of rare cards! $17 ppd. Phil Carpenter, MC 216-76, Pasadena, CA 91125 E-mail: carp@seqaxp.bio.caltech.edu

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STAR WARS vehicles refractor promos. Pepsi Star Wars sticker. Groo sketch card. Maxx redemption. Simpsons Lucky Day redemption. Martin, PO Box 382187, Cambridge, MA 02238. 617-723-5155.

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SKYBOX PREMIER basketball cards 36 pack, unopened box, $19.95. Postage $2, many others for sale. Eagle Collectibles, 3338 Appel Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15102. 412-831-3989.

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RED DWARF 7, Thunderbirds, Supercar, Doctor Who, Bottom, Kimba, Krofft, Ark 2, Isis, Shazam, Kaiju, more! 64¢ SASE. 2604 28th #5, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

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STAR TREK Hallmark ornament original enterprise, mint in box $250. Shuttle craft, Next Generation ships $25 each. Charles Erickson, 9852 Mills-Macon Hwy, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

THE CROW screenplay $20, movie/character inspired drawing signed by Trent $20, shipping add $1 or take both for $36 ppd. Dan Osinski 888-687-1180.

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BUYING, SELLING, trade. Comics, action figures, comic cards. Please send want lists, trading lists or request a list to: Katie Huddleston, 40650 Shellie Ln., Hemet, CA 92544.

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SOUNDTRACK CD'S: Lawrence of Arabia, Twin Peaks; VHS Bozzeto's "Allegro Non Troppo". Alexander Yudenitsch: E-Mail alexyu@postl.com or Caixa Postal 9613, S. Paulo 01065-970, Brazil.

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HANNA-BARBERA CARTOON sound, FX CD wanted. Monte Foulks, 1505 Beverly Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19138. 215-924-1730.

SPORTS MEMORABILIA, hockey card inserts, unopened boxes. Will trade comics, assorted merchandise, N/S, videos, toys. Paul Bocci, 53 Berkley St., Valley Stream, NY 11581. 516-791-2182.

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GIGANTIC 60 page Superhero, Science Fiction and Cartoon Action Figure and Collectible Toy Catalog. Send $2 to: Figures Inc., PO Box 19482, Dept. 115, Johnston, RI 02919. USA. Web site: http://www.ewtech.com/figures

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XENA DELUXE figure $20, Flash Gordon animated Dale Arden $15, Toy Story Baby Face $20, Marvel Deluxe She-Hulk $20. Steven 201-857-3960.

ACTION FIGURE sets, (MOC/MIB), $40 each postpaid. Waterworld (all 8), Mask (6+ Maskmobile), Real Monsters (all 11), STDS9 (8 different), Monsterforce (all 7). Richard 916-487-2787.

HOWARD THE Duck for President pin for sale for best offer. Jeff Scheibe, 3302 N. 86th St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. E-mail: jscheibe@execpc.com

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CLOISSONE PINS? Going out of business? Overstock? Weird non sellers? Give me a try! I buy anything! Write: Douglas Lipman, 57 Taylor St. #320, San Francisco, CA 94102.

MATTEL PULL-STRING talkers, dolls, and puppets wanted. All cartoon/TV characters. Send descriptions/prices: Al, 20705 Brooklawn, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. E-Mail: alhamood@flash.net

ROM SPACE Knight (in box), comes with everything. Make offer. Also have Spiderman/Hulk handheld games from 70's. 610-437-3084.

CAPTAIN ACTION and Action Boy wanted! Loose or in box, complete and in good shape. Eric G. Blackmore, 863 Yell Rd., Lewisburg, TN 37091.

WANTED HULK, Savage Dragon figures art, She-Dragon, also have female figures to trade. With thanx Bob Gray, 339 Green St., Belle Vernon. 412-929-2859.

ASTROBOY ITEMS, no comics, buy/trade. 1950's plastic space toys, take-apart puzzles, other toys considered. Mike Kister, PO Box 281, Hatboro, PA 19040. 215-672-1673, 5pm-10pm.

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BATMAN! BATMAN! Collector now buying anything and everything Batman related! Toys, posters, cards, dolls, puzzles, games, etc. Cash for anything! JR/CBG, Box 91722, Tucson, AZ 85752.

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T: 110-6', F: $20., A: free. Phil DeMario, 137 Silleck St., Clifton, NJ 07013. PH: 201-742-2647 or 694-9773 day of show.

May 4 NJ, Garfield. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Boys & Girls Club. 490 Midland Ave., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 60-8', F: $30. for 1, $55. for 2, A: $1., under 7 free. Gary Sipos, 41 Cedar St., Garfield, NJ 07026. PH: 201-340-2218 or 478-7662 day of show.

May 4 NJ, Hazlet. Collectors Showcase, Ramada Inn. GSP Exit 117 to Rt. 35 S. 2 mi., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 35-8', F: $50., A: $2. Sandy Grecco, PO Box 189, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716. PH: 908-291-1632.

May 4 NJ, Bordentown. Comic Book Marketplace, Days Inn. On Rt. 206 North off Exit 7 of the NJ Tpke., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30-6', F: $60., A: $3. Ron Jordan, PO Box 11234, New Brunswick, NJ 08906. PH/FAX: 908-828-5955.

May 11 NJ, Elmwood Park. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, American Legion Post #147. Legion Pl., 1 blk. W. of Midland Ave., off Market St., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 50-6', F: $25. for 1, $45. for 2, A: $1., under 7 free. Gary Sipos, 41 Cedar St., Garfield, NJ 07026. PH: 201-340-2218 or 796-9717 day of show.

May 17-18 NJ, S. Plainfield. World of Comics & Cards Conventions, Middlesex Mall, Hadley & Stelton Rds., SH: Sat. 10am-9:30pm, Sun. 11am-5pm, T: 85-8', F: Sat. $100., Sun. $65. for 1 day, $150. for 2 days, A: free. Anthony T.J. Grimando, PO Box 23, Dunellen, NJ 08812. PH/FAX: 908-968-3886.

May 17 NJ, North Branch. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Fire House. Rt. 28, 1.5 mi. W. of Rt. 22 (next to Raritan Valley College), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30-35 8', F: $40. for 1, $25. ea. add'l., A: $1., under 6 free. Sallie Natowitz, PO Box 796, Matawan, NJ 07747. PH: 908-583-7915.

May 18 NJ, Garfield. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Boys & Girls Club. 490 Midland Ave., SH: 9:30am-3:30pm, T: 60-8', F: $30. for 1, $55. for 2, A: $1., under 7 free. Gary Sipos, 41 Cedar St., Garfield, NJ 07026. PH: 201-340-2218 or 478-7662 day of show.

May 21 NJ, Rochelle Park. Comic Book, Sports Cards, Memoriabilia & Collectibles AUCTION, Ramada Hotel. 375 W. Passaic St. off Exit 160 Garden State Pky., SH: preview 7pm, auction 7:45pm-10pm, A: free. Vic's Coins, PO Box 323, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662. PH: 201-845-0259.

May 22 NJ, Elmwood Park. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, American Legion Post #147. Legion Pl., (1 blk. W. of Midland Ave. on Market St.), SH: 5pm-10pm, T: 40-6', F: $20. for 1, $35. for 2, A: $1. Gary Sipos, 41 Cedar St., Garfield, NJ 07026. PH: 201-340-2218 or 796-9717 day of show.

NEW YORK

Apr 23 NY, Westbury-L.I. Wed. Night Comic Book & Card Show, Holiday Inn. 369 Old Country Rd., downstairs, SH: 5pm-9:30pm, T: 40, F: $50., A: free. Fred or Deborah Kassinove, PH: 516-365-4402.

Apr 25 NY, Brooklyn. Comic Book, Cards, Toys & Collectibles Show, St. Dominics Church. 20th Ave. & Bayridge Pky. (75th St.), SH: 6pm-10pm, T: 50-9', F: $40., A: free. Sunrise Prods., Scotty O'Donnell, PO Box 340625, Ryder Station, Brooklyn, NY 11234. PH: 718-251-2075 or 241-6477.

Apr 25-27 NY, Niagara Falls. Collector Mania, Convention Ctr. 305 4th St., SH: Fri. 5:30pm-9:30pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, T: 600-8', F: $125., A: $3. Allan George, 101 Harvest Rd., Fairport, NY 14450. PH: 716-248-2987.

Apr 25-27 NY, Hicksville. Comic Book, Sports Card & Memorabilia Show, Broadway Mall. Rt. 107, SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9:30pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 125-8', F: $120.-$225. for 2 days, $160.-$300. for 3 days, A: free. "Play The Game" Show Promos., Dennis Weintraub, PO Box 0121, Baldwin, NY 11510. PH: 516-623-2781.

Apr 26-27 NY, Newburgh. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Mall. Exit 7N Rt. 84, SH: mall hrs., T: 36-8', F: $120., A: free. Marty Leibowitz, 7 Jonathan Ln., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. PH: 914-473-7165 eves.

Apr 27 NY, Centereach. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, VFW Post #4927. 31 Horseblock Rd., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 56-6' & 8', F: $35.-$45., A: $1. Steve Gardner, 28 Blackwell Ln., Stony Brook, NY 11790. PH: 516-689-5592.

Apr 27 NY, Brooklyn. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Golden Gate Inn. Knapp St. & Shore Pky., SH: 9am-4pm, T: 48-8', F: $40., A: free. Mark, PH: 718-266-1625.

Apr 27 NY, Syracuse. Marvin Harrison Collectorsfest 16, State Fairgrounds. State Fair Blvd., Rt. 690 Exit 7, Gate 2, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 175, A: $3., $2. youth. Central NY Promos., Lyn Lake, 35 Hubbard St. Apt. 1, Cortland, NY 13045. PH: 607-753-8580.

Apr 27 NY, Liverpool. Make-A-Wish Con 5, Sheraton Inn. 7th N. St. & Electronics Blvd., Exit 37 NYS Thruway, SH: 10am-5pm, T: 50-60 6', F: $75. for 1st, $65. for 2nd, A: $5. Mike Horvath, 101 Brookhaven Rd., N. Syracuse, NY 13212. PH: 315-458-9174.

Apr 30 NY, Westbury-L.I. Wed. Night Comic Book & Card Show, Holiday Inn. 369 Old Country Rd., downstairs, SH: 5pm-9:30pm, T: 40, F: $50., A: free. Fred or Deborah Kassinove, PH: 516-365-4402.

May 3 NY, Manhattan. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Our Lady of Good Counsel School. 323 E. 91st St., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 38-6', F: $30., A: $1.50. Kevin Mullarkey, 18-29 21st Rd., Astoria, NY 11105. PH: 718-721-2172.

May 3 NY, Freeport. Dockside Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Recreation Ctr. 130 E. Merrick Rd., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 35-6' & 12', F: $35.-$55., A: free. "Play The Game" Show Promos., Inc., Dennis Weintraub, PO Box 0121, Baldwin, NY 11510. PH: 516-623-2781.

May 3 NY, Sayville-LI. Monthly Comic Book, Sports Cards, Toys & Collectibles Show, Attias Mart Indoor Flea Market. 5750 Sunrise Hwy., corner of Sunrise & Broadway, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 40, A: free. Paul, PH: 516-289-7398.

May 3 NY, New York City. Big Apple Comic Con, Gold, Silver & Modern Comics, Toys, Non-Sports Cards & Videos, St. Paul's Church Auditorium. 9th Ave., btw. 59th & 60th Sts., SH: 10am-6pm, A: $5., under 6 free. Big Apple Conventions, 67-53 Woodhaven Blvd., Ste. 102, Rego Park, NY 11374. PH: 718-275-1567.

May 4 NY, Brooklyn. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Golden Gate Inn. Knapp St. & Shore Pky., SH: 9am-4pm, T: 48-8', F: $40., A: free. Mark, PH: 718-266-1625.

May 4 NY, New York City. Toy Festival, Loews New York Hotel. 569 Lexington Ave., SH: 10am-4pm, A: $5. Max Gottfried, 82-60 116th St., Kew Gardens, NY 11418. PH: 718-441-9868 Mon.-Sat. 9am-7pm only.

May 4 NY, Long Island. Comic Book & Collector's Market Convention, Rockville Centre, Holiday Inn. 173 Sunrise Hwy., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 40, A: free. Cosmic Comics & Books, 246 Merrick Rd., Oceanside, NY 11572. PH: 516-763-1133.

May 7 NY, Westbury-L.I. Wed. Night Comic Book & Card Show, Holiday Inn. 369 Old Country Rd., downstairs, SH: 5pm-9:30pm, T: 40, F: $50., A: free. Fred or Deborah Kassinove, PH: 516-365-4402.

May 14 NY, Westbury-L.I. Wed. Night Comic Book & Card Show, Holiday Inn. 369 Old Country Rd., downstairs, SH: 5pm-9:30pm, T: 40, F: $50., A: free. Fred or Deborah Kassinove, PH: 516-365-4402.

May 16 NY, Brooklyn. Comic Book, Cards, Toys & Collectibles Show, St. Dominics Church. 20th Ave. & Bayridge Pky. (75th St.), SH: 6pm-10pm, T: 50-9', F: $40., A: free. Sunrise Prods., Scotty O'Donnell, PO Box 340625, Ryder Station, Brooklyn, NY 11234. PH: 718-251-2075 or 241-6477.

May 17 NY, Staten Island. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, St. Sylvester's School. 884 Targee St., Clove-Richmond Rd., Exit 278, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 40-9', F: $50., A: free. Joe Dezio, 884 Targee St., Staten Island, NY 10304. PH: 718-351-8056.

May 17-18 NY, Poughkeepsie. Comic Book, Sports Card & Collectibles Show, Mall at South Hills. Rts. 9 & 9D, SH: Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 25-8', F: $100. for 2 days, A: free. Gil Touponse, PO Box D, Glenham, NY 12527. PH: 914-838-4312 or 831-9588.

May 17-18 NY, Yonkers. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Mall at Cross County. 750 Central Ave., SH: 10am-6pm, T: 40-8', F: $105., A: free. Steve Tepper, 57-65 59th St., Maspeth, NY 11378. PH: 718-894-5310 or 516-379-8300.

May 18 NY, New York. Comics & Cards Galore, Immaculate Conception School Auditorium. 414 E. 14th St. (btw. 1st Ave. & Ave. A), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 25, F: $30. for 1, $55. for 2, A: free. Dorothy Berman, 414 E. 14th St., New York, NY 10009. PH: 212-254-0200 or FAX: 212-505-7610.

May 18 NY, Brooklyn. Comic Book, Cards, Toys & Collectibles Show, Temple Hillel. 2164 Ralph Ave. (at Ave. L), SH: 10am-5pm, T: 50, F: $40., A: free. Sunrise Prods., Scotty O'Donnell, PO Box 340625, Ryder Station, Brooklyn, NY 11234. PH: 718-251-2075 or 241-6477.

May 18 NY, Centereach. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, VFW Post #4927. 31 Horseblock Rd., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 56-6' & 8', F: $35.-$45., A: $1. Steve Gardner, 28 Blackwell Ln., Stony Brook, NY 11790. PH: 516-689-5592.

May 18 NY, Ozone Park. Comic Book, Sports Card, Coins & Memorabilia Show, Jewish Ctr. 107-01 Crossbay Blvd. (next to Esquire Diner), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 36-8', F: $37.50 for 1, $65. for 2, A: $1. Rio Grande BB Card Co., Joseph Camana, 114-32 150th Ave., S. Ozone Park, NY 11420. Joe, PH: 718-845-7240 or Tony, PH: 718-848-1795.

May 21 NY, Westbury-L.I. Wed. Night Comic Book & Card Show, Holiday Inn. 369 Old Country Rd., downstairs, SH: 5pm-9:30pm, T: 40, F: $50., A: free. Fred or Deborah Kassinove, PH: 516-365-4402.

NORTH CAROLINA

Apr 26 NC, Newton. Collectable Comic Books, Sports Cards & Memorabilia Show, Recreation Ctr. Corner E. A & Brady Sts., SH: 9am-5pm, T: 75-6' & 8', F: $25., A: $1. Carol Stiles & Chris Franklin, PO Box 550, Newton, NC 28658. PH: 704-465-7470.

NORTH DAKOTA

May 10-11 ND, Bismarck. Comic Book & Sports Card Show #23, Civic Ctr. 601 Sweet St., SH: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-4:30pm, T: 25, F: $50. for 1, $90. for 2, $115. for 3. Lantern News, Kevin Bergson, 520 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102. PH: 701-235-2562.

May 17-18 ND, Fargo. Comic Book & Sports Card Show #34, Holiday Inn. 13th Ave. S. & I-29, SH: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-4:30pm, T: 42, F: $60. for 1, $50. for 2 or more. Lantern News, Kevin Bergson, 520 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102. PH: 701-235-2562.

OHIO

Apr 27 OH, Mansfield. Mid-OH Mini Con, Comfort Inn-North. Trimble Rd. at US Rt. 30, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30-6', F: $35., A: free. R.A.P. Prods., Roger Price, PO Box 3831, Mansfield, OH 44907. PH: 419-526-1427 9am-5pm weekdays or E-mail: MidOhioCon@aol.com

May 1 OH, Mentor. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Travelodge Hotel. Rts. 2 & 306 S. (7701 Reynolds Rd. Rt. 306), SH: 6pm-10pm, T: 35-8', F: $30., A: $1., 16 & younger or senior citizens free. Infield Promos., Irene Pike, 9391 Mentor Ave., Ste. 133, Mentor, OH 44060. PH: 216-255-2606.

May 4 OH, Columbus. Mid-OH Mini Con, Marriott North. Doubletree Ave., near the Continent, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30-6', F: $50., A: free. R.A.P. Prods., Roger Price, PO Box 3831, Mansfield, OH 44907. PH: 419-526-1427 9am-5pm weekdays or E-mail: MidOhioCon@aol.com

May 4 OH, Columbus. Comic Book & Non-Sports Card Convention, Holiday Inn East. I-70 & Hamilton Rd. Jubilee Enterprises, 11910 Asbury Dr., Ft. Washington, MD 20744. PH: 301-292-4587 or FAX: 301-203-0159.

May 10-11 OH, Middleburg Heights. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Tri-City Senior Ctr. 16699 E. Bagley Rd., SH: Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm, T: 60-6', F: $55. for 1, $45. ea. add'l., A: $1.50. Kris Herman, PH: 330-454-3188.

May 11 OH, Lorain. Comic Book, Sports Card, Coins & Stamp Show, IAV Club Post #1. 4569 Oberlin Ave., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30-8', F: $20. for 1, $50. for 2, A: free. Jeff Michaels, 4580 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, OH 44053. PH: 216-960-1702.

May 11 OH, Eastlake. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Community Ctr. 600 E. 349th SR 91 & Roberts Rd., SH: 10am-5pm, T: 48-8', F: $30., A: 50¢. Goal Line Promos., Kevin Stich, 1642 Travers Ave., Madison, OH 44057. PH: 216-428-0582 or 888-201-0616.

May 11 OH, East Liverpool. Comic Book, Sports Card & Majic Show, Moose Lodge. 129 E. 3rd St., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 25-8', F: $20. for 1, $35. for 2, A: $1. Guy Lindesmith, 115 W. 6th St., E. Liverpool, OH 43920. PH: 330-385-0571 10am-8pm.

May 18 OH, Sheffield Lake. Card, Comic & Collectibles Show, Community Ctr. Lake Rd., 2 mi. W. of Rt. 307, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 32-6', F: $25. for 1st, $20. ea. add'l., A: free. Janet Pleska, 58 Maple Ave., Wakeman, OH 44889. PH: 216-839-2737 or FAX: 216-839-5138.

May 18 OH, Canton. Comic Convention, Sheraton Inn. I-77 at Exit 109 (Everhard Rd.), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 28-8', F: $45., A: $2., 6 & under free. Jeff Harper, 5220 Loma Linda NE, Canton, OH 44714. PH: 330-499-6056 or E-mail: jeffharpro@aol.com

May 18 OH, Dayton. Comic Book & Non-Sports Card Convention, Holiday Inn Dayton Mall. I°-5, Exit 44. Jubilee Enterprises, 11910 Asbury Dr., Ft. Washington, MD 20744. PH: 301-292-4587 or FAX: 301-203-0159.

OKLAHOMA

May 3 OK, Oklahoma City. Com-X-Con Comic Book & Toy Show, Days Inn South. 2616 S. I-35, T: 6', F: $50. for 1, $85. for 2, $115. for 3, $35. ea. add'l. Comic World Promos., Cecil Johnson, 11361 Samples Rd., Alexander, AR 72002. PH: 501-316-2342.

OREGON

May 18 OR, Eugene. 13th Annual Comic Book Show, Lane Cty. Fairgrounds. Wheeler Pavilion, 796 W. 13th Ave., SH: 10:30am-5pm, T: 8', F: $30. aisle, $35. wall, A: $1.50, under 7 free. Nostalgia Collectibles, Darrell Grimes, 527 Willamette St., Eugene, OR 97401. PH: 541-484-9202.

PENNSYLVANIA

May 2-4 PA, Fort Washington. 59th Philadelphia BB Card, Comic Book & Sports Memorabilia Show, Expo Center. 1100 Virginia Dr. (PA Tpke. Exit 26), SH: Fri. 6pm-9pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. EPSCC, Inc., Bob Schmierer, PO Box 3037, Maple Glen, PA 19002. PH: 215-643-0910 or FAX: 215-643-2697.

May 2-4 PA, Hermitage. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Shenango Valley Mall. Rt. 18 & 62, SH: mall hrs., T: 30-8', F: $55., A: free. Mike Dorsey, PO Box 69, Fredonia, PA 16124. PH: 412-475-2666.

May 4 PA, Langhorne. Comic Book, Sports Card & Toy Show, Sheraton Bucks County. 400 Oxford Valley Rd., SH: 9am-3pm, T: 56-6', F: $40., A: free. Greg Petrino, 93 Grant Dr., Holland, PA 18966. PH: 215-968-8577 or Eric Poppel, PH: 215-579-0731.

May 4 PA, Philadelphia. Comic-Con, Holiday Inn. 10th Packer Ave. (Exit 46, I-76 or Exit 15, I-95), SH: 10am-4:30pm, T: 50, F: $60. for 1, $100. for 2, $140. for 3, A: $3. Collectors Comics, Derek Woywood, 10 Chelsea Cir., Clementon, NJ 08021. PH: 609-782-0817.

May 16-18 PA, Monaca. Comic Books, Sport Cards & NASCAR Show, Beaver Valley Mall. Monaca Exit off US 60, SH: mall hrs., T: 42-8', F: $110., A: free. Tom Viencek, PO Box 284, Rices Landing, PA 15357. PH: 412-592-5038.

May 18 PA, Allentown. Comic Book, Magic & Non-Sports Card Show, Holiday Inn West. I-78, Exit 14A, SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30-6', F: $50. for 1st, $30. for 2nd, $25. ea. add'l., A: $2. Comicquest, Tom Jones, 1328 Chestnut St., Emmaus, PA 18049. PH: 610-966-9660.

May 18 PA, Pittsburgh-Mckees Rocks. Comic Book, Records, CD's & Trading Cards Show, Sto-Rox Booster Hall. I-79 to Rt. 51 S. or I-376 W. to Rt. 51 N., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 50-8', F: $30., A: $2. Tony Medwid, 108 Helen St., Mckees Rocks, PA 15136. PH: 412-331-5021.

RHODE ISLAND

Apr 27 RI, E. Providence-Seekonk. Comic Book, Sports & Non-Sports Card Show, Johnson & Wales Inn. Rt. 44 (I-195, Exit 4), SH: 9am-3:30pm, T: 45-8', F: $35., A: $1., under 8 free. Douglas Keating, 112 Middle St. Apt. 36, Weymouth, MA 02189. PH: 617-331-4788.

May 18 RI, E. Providence-Seekonk. Comic Book, Sports & Non-Sports Card Show, Johnson & Wales Inn. Rt. 44 (I-195, Exit 4), SH: 9am-3:30pm, T: 45-8', F: $35., A: $1., under 8 free. Douglas Keating, 112 Middle St. Apt. 36, Weymouth, MA 02189. PH: 617-331-4788.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Apr 26-27 SC, Charleston. Comic Book, Sports & Non-Sports Collectible Show, Market Square. State & Linguard Sts., Sh: Sat. & Sun. 9am-6pm, T: 30-8', F: $85. for 1, $155. for 2, A: free. Coastal Connection, Vic Young, PO Box 1888, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. PH: 803-997-6300 or 237-5048.

May 17 SC, Greenville. Comic Book & Sports Card Show, Comfort Inn. I-85, Exit 46, Mauldin Rd., SH: 10am-5pm, T: 28, F: $42., A: $1. Rick Fortenberry, PH: 704-525-9664, Bob or Tom Waldrop, PH: 864-963-9185 or 244-7424.

TENNESSEE

Apr 26-27 TN, Knoxville. 3rd Smoky Mountains Toy & Hobby Show, Jacob Bldg.-Chilhowee Park. I-40, Exit 392, SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, T: 325. Carolina Hobby Expo, PH: 704-786-8373.

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Apr 27 TN, Johnson City. Tri-City Comic Book Convention, Holiday Inn. I-181 at Exit 35 (N. Roan St.), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 38-6', F: $40. in advance, A: $2., 6 & under free. Jeff Harper, 5220 Loma Linda NE, Canton, OH 44714. PH: 330-499-6056. E-mail: jeffharpro@aol.com

May 16-18 TN, Columbia. Monthly Comic Book, Sports Card & NASCAR Show, Shady Brook Mall. James Campbell Blvd., SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 1pm-6pm, T: 50-6', F: $50., A: free. AF Promos., 320 Pulaski St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464. PH: 615-766-1168.

May 17 TN, Nashville. Music City Toy & Collectible Show, Ramada Inn. Across from Opryland, SH: 9am-5pm, T: 30, F: $40., A: $1. Larry Johnson, PH: 615-865-1276.

May 17 TN, Knoxville. Comic Book & Toy Show, Ramada Inn. Cedar Bluff Rd., SH: 10am-4pm, T: 30-6', F: $45., A: $2. C.C.S. Promo., Steve Riley, 1712 Sailor Ford Ln., Mascot, TN 37806. PH: 423-933-9820 or 691-3302.

TEXAS

May 3-4 TX, San Antonio. Collectors Expo, Live Oak Civic Ctr. 8101 Pat Brooker Rd., SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-4pm, T: 200, F: $80., A: $2.50 good for 2 days, under 12 free with adult. Sally Wallace, 6702 Lexington Rd., Austin, TX 78757. PH: 512-454-9882. E-mail: austex23@aol.com

May 4 TX, Arlington. Com-X-Con Comic Book & Toy Show, Marriott Hotel. I-30 & Ballpark Way, T: 6', F: $50. for 1, $85. for 2, $115. for 3, $35. ea. add'l. Comic World Promos., Cecil Johnson, 11361 Samples Rd., Alexander, AR 72002. PH: 501-316-2342.

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May 18 TX, Austin. Comic Book, Sports Card, Toy & Collectibles Show, Four Points Sheraton. IH-35 at Hwy. 183 Exit, SH: 10am-5pm, T: 30, F: $40. for 1, $75. for 2, $100. for 3, A: $2. Paperworks, PH: 512-442-8876.

VIRGINIA

May 4 VA, Richmond. Comic Book & Non-Sports Card Convention, Holiday Inn West. 6531 W. Broad St. Jubilee Enterprises, 11910 Asbury Dr., Ft. Washington, MD 20744. PH: 301-292-4587 or FAX: 301-203-0159.

May 17-18 VA, Virginia Beach. Comic Book, Sports & Non-Sports Card & Racing Show, Pembroke Mall. Intersection of Independence & Virginia Beach Blvds., SH: Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 12:30pm-5:30pm, T: 100-8', F: $110.-$130., A: free. Larry Webster, 4406 Holland Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452. PH: 757-486-0215.

WASHINGTON

Apr 25-27 WA, Bellingham. Comic Book & Sports Card Super Show, Bellis Fair Mall. Bellis Fair Pky., Exit off I-5, SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 40, F: $30.-$75., A: free. Twin Oaks Sportshows, Ron & Barb Oakden, 1309 8th St., #411, Marysville, WA 98270. PH: 360-653-5527.

May 3-4 WA, Kirkland. Comic Book & Sports Card Super Show, Totem Lake Mall. Exit 20B E. off I-405, SH: 10am-6pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 55, F: $35.-$85., A: free. Twin Oaks Sports Shows, Ron & Barb Oakden, 1309 8th St. #411, Marysville, WA 98270. PH: 360-653-5527.

May 9-11 WA, Federal Way. Comic Book & Sports Card Super Show, SeaTac Mall. Exit 143 off I-5, SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 65, F: $35.-$115., A: free. Twin Oaks Sport Shows. Ron & Barb Oakden. 1309 8th St. #411. Marysville, WA 98270. PH: 360-653-5527.

May 23-25 WA, Burlington. Comic Book & Sports Card Super Show, Cascade Mall. Exit 229 off I-5, SH: Fri. & Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 11am-6pm, T: 45, F: $20.-$85., A: free. Twin Oaks Sport Shows, Ron & Barb Oakden, 1309 8th St. #411, Marysville, WA 98270. PH: 360-653-5527.

WEST VIRGINIA

May 2-4 WV, Morgantown. Celebrity Comic Book, Sports Card & Racing Collectibles Show, Mall. Exit 152 off I-79, SH: mall hrs., T: 50-8', F: $90. for 1, $170. for 2, A: free. Badgley Promos., PO Box 3528, Parkersburg, WV 26103. PH: 304-485-8345.

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Apr 27 WI, La Crosse. Comic Book, Sports, Non-Sports, Racing & Memorabilia Show, La Crosse Ctr. 2nd St., SH: 10am-5pm, T: 50-8', F: $50., A: free. MJ Prods., Mike Kulig, PO Box 132, Onalaska, WI 54650. PH: 608-781-5150.

Apr 27 WI, Racine. Comic Book, Sports Card & Game Show, K of C Hall. I-94 & Hwy. 20, SH: 9am-4pm, T: 35-8', F: $22., A: free. Bill White, PH: 414-843-4147 or 694-8422.

May 4 WI, Kenosha. Comic Book, Sports Card & Game Show, Best Western Executive Inn Hotel. I-94 & Hwy. 50, SH: 9am-4pm, T: 22-8', F: $22., A: 50¢. Bill White, PH: 414-843-4147 or 694-8422.

May 17-18 WI, Appleton. Comic Book, Sports, Non-Sports, Racing & Memorabilia Show, Valley Fair Mall. Memorial Dr., SH: mall hrs., T: 25-8', F: $50., A: free. MJ Prods., Mike Kulig, PO Box 132, Onalaska, WI 54650. PH: 608-781-5150.

May 18 WI, Madison. Comic & Collectibles Show, American Legion Hall. 4001 Lien Rd. (just off E. Washington Ave.), SH: 10am-4pm, T: 45-8', F: $15., A: $1. Lisa Fiegel, W612 Oak Shore Dr., Fall River, WI 53932. PH: 414-484-3779.

CANADA

Apr 27 AB, Calgary. ACCA Comic Book Show, Acadia Rec Ctr. 290 90th Ave. SE, SH: 10am-5pm, F: $25., A: $1. Kelly Skuce, 2711 41st SW, Calgary, AB T3E 3K5. PH: 403-249-4452.

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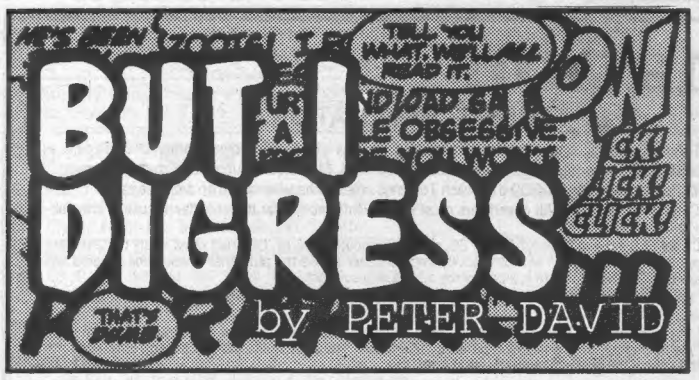

Space Cases, for those who came in late, is the tongue-in-cheek science-fiction series created by Bill Mumy and me, which has been airing for the past year on Nickelodeon and which I feel honor-bound to keep you apprised of. After all, I've been writing about my first foray into series TV on and off since we shot the original pilot (which never aired, incidentally, so anyone who saved the photos that ran accompanying those articles has something of a collector's item.)

Thus far, we've aired two seasons of 13 episodes each. The ratings have been OK but not spectacular. This didn't surprise us: Science fiction on television generally takes a good long while to catch on. *X-Files* took three seasons to really hook its audience, as did *Babylon 5.* And that was three seasons of 22 episodes each. By comparison, our air record is relatively modest.

During our time on the air, though, we made definite inroads into fan consciousness. Attention was beginning a slow build. There are, at this point, dozens of unofficial websites. The most comprehensive, put together by a fellow named Robert Rhodes, can be found at:

http://web2.airmail.net/rrhodes/sc

Furthermore, fan clubs are springing up all over. There's an online newsletter called "Zabagabe" (named after a Saturnian chant in one episode which, in a typical *Space Cases* in-joke, was also the name of one of Mumy's Barnes & Barnes albums) had hundreds of members and was gaining every day. There's been talk of trying to push for the nomination of our first-season closer, "On the Road to Find Out" (guest-starring George Takei) on the Hugo ballot.

In the "real" world, we were getting more write-ups in such publications as *TV Guide* and, more important, we were nominated for a Cable Ace Award for Best Children's Programming. (We lost to a series of HBO Concert Specials — a reflection of what voters *wished* kids were watching, rather than what they're *actually* watching.)

In short, we're rolling. Unfortunately, however, we haven't been rolling fast enough to satiate the Nielsen gods. You remember the Nielsens. It's the ratings service that networks are now claiming isn't, in fact, an accurate measure, at all.

As a consequence, we received word on the Ides of March (appropriately) that Nickelodeon has decided not to continue production of *Space Cases.* Bill and I had had a 65-episode story arc worked out, but — as of this moment — it seems destined that we are left at the one-third mark, with many mysteries left unanswered and our crew still in the depths of space. I mourn for the stories we didn't have the opportunity to tell — including my favorite, an episode that would have guest-starred Mumy and Jonathan Harris as "William" and "Doctor," accompanied by a familiar robot. Yes, that's right, we wanted to have the crew of the *Christa* find and rescue — unofficially, of course — the crew of the *Jupiter II.* Talk about free publicity. To say nothing of such opportunities as having Doctor Smith and the Smith-esque Miss Davenport both moan, "Oh, the pain, the pain," or having the android Thelma find a soulmate in the robot.

However —

First and foremost, one must remember that "canceled" in the Nickelodeon world doesn't mean the same thing as it does elsewhere. The vast majority of Nick's programming is made up of canceled series, be it the "Nick at Nite" line-up or such assorted original series as *Are You Afraid of the Dark* and *My Brother and Me,* which continue to rack up ratings. So *Space Cases* remains on the air at 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET every Sunday.

Second, Nickelodeon has given us the all-clear to shop the series elsewhere, provided it's not a direct competitor (such as Disney or Fox Kids). Discussions have begun with the Sci-Fi Channel, the place most fans would like to see it land.

Third, a series of original novels is a possibility. There's interest from Archway Paperbacks, and an editor there, Lisa Clancy, is a fan of the series and would like to see it happen. But she has to convince her bosses that there's a market for it: realign their thinking so that they don't see it as a book series tying in with a canceled program, but rather a science-fiction book series with a pre-sold potential audience of millions.

The bottom line is Mumy and I began a series that had a beginning, middle, and end. We would like, in some way, shape, or form, to finish the story and answer the many mysteries that we introduced.

If *Space Cases* fans are interested in helping this happen, here are the folks you can write:

Barry Schulman, President, Sci-Fi Network, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Lisa Clancy, Archway Paperbacks, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020 or @prenhall.com. (The Postal Service is preferred in most write-in campaigns, but Lisa is perfectly happy to hear from people via e-mail.)

And, if you want to voice support for the series as a whole, you can write to Nickelodeon, 1515 Broadway, New York, NY 10036. Fans have been addressing their letters to Nick President Herb Scannell.

I'd love to get copies of whatever letters are sent in. If Bill and I ever write a book about the whole experience, it'd be nice to have some genuine fan comments.

No matter what happens, there's no downplaying the impact that the series has had on my life. First and foremost, I've had the privilege of working with Bill on creating the show and writing the scripts. We worked together on scripts in every imaginable way: Sometimes he did the first pass on the script, sometimes I did, sometimes we each wrote half the script. On one memorable occasion, we were working on two different scripts seated across from each other and, every so often, we'd switch. (Since we were working off detailed scene-by-scene outlines, it was easy enough for one of us to pick up where the other stopped.) And the show's producer, Susan Dietz, helped ramrod much of our vision through.

I was at all the casting sessions and I think we put together a great gang: Kristian (Rudu) Ayre, Rahi (Bova) Azizi, Paul (Commander Goddard) Boretski, Paige (Rosie) Christina, Becky (Suzee) Herbst, Walter (Harlan) Jones, Cary (Davenport) Lawrence, Anik (Thelma) Matern, and Jewel (Catalina) Staite (who had to leave us after the first season, since she was contractually obligated to do a series for Disney called *Flash Forward*). And our sort of unofficial 10th cast member, Marcel Jeannin. Marcel, an incredibly versitile actor, was in our original, unaired pilot and became a sort of one-man rep company, appearing in four episodes in various guises. If anyone out there is putting together a convention and wants some terrific guests — guests who, by and large, are genuine science-fiction and/or comic-book fans and will appeal to kids as well as adults — get word to me and I'll get word to them.

Nor will I forget filming in Montreal. I'll never forget when people learned I'd be spending the entire winter up there. How they pitied me. So there I was in Montreal, and, in the meantime, New York got hit with the mother of all winters. It was like a thousand feet of snow. And in Montreal — not much of anything.

The fans have been and continue to be terrific. I can't tell you how much it means to me to see how so many people have embraced the series, the characters, and the *Space Cases* universe — and don't want it to end. And who knows? I mean, hell, if series ranging from *Star Trek* to *The Jeff Foxworthy Show* can be brought back, why not us?

The show gave me my nationwide acting debut, when I had a cameo playing Bova's father in one episode. If nothing else, it convinced me that I shouldn't quit my day job.

And I guess, most of all, I'm pleased for the opportunity the show gave my kids. They would come up, sometimes for a week at a time, and got along great with the cast. Gwen was an extra in one episode called "King of the Hill," while Shana did a full-blown guest stint in our final episode, appearing as a computer entity named Pezu. Five-year-old Ariel didn't get her own guest shot. She simply watched. The show had no greater fan. There was one time where she marched up to a kid on a playground and said, out of the blue, "Hi, I'm Ariel. My daddy does *Space Cases.* Do you watch *Space Cases?* It's about some children out in space. It's on Nickelodeon." She just kept chatting for five minutes, as the other child stared at her in confusion, having no idea where this kid came from or what she was talking about.

Ariel was there for the last days of filming. (As was Shana. Both of them can be seen in the lower left of the cast photo that appears on the contents page of this week's issue, Shana in blue face make-up and Ariel holding a little doll of Bova.) She did nothing except watch the show being made, hour after hour. I thought she'd be bored out of her mind, but I couldn't pry her from the soundstage. She seemed to be taking in everything. Just how much, though, I hadn't quite suspected until just yesterday.

I was running *Return of the Jedi* for her, and she was watching the scene in the swamps of Dagobah wherein a glowing Obi-Wan Kenobi walks up to Luke Skywalker. And Ariel turned to me and said, "Daddy?"

Clearly she had a question. I figured there was some plot point that was confusing to her. She is, after all, only 5 (well, 5 and a half). I said, "Yes, honey?"

And she gave me a serious, thoughtful look and said, "Did they shoot Obi-Wan against a green screen?"

And if you don't know what that means, I can send Ariel over to explain it to you.

Peter David, writer of stuff, can be written to at To Be Continued Inc., PO Box 239, Bayport, NY 11705. Latest weird ***Star Wars*** *change: In* ***Return of the Jedi,*** *when Han Solo is hanging upside down from the skiff as Lando is about to be dragged into the Saarlac pit, the supposedly blind Solo shouted, "Trust me!" and shot the creature's tentacle, releasing Lando. But in the "Special Edition," I could swear I heard additional dialogue with Han shouting something like, "I can see better now!" First Han lets Greedo shoot first and then he has to explain himself to Lando. Weird.*

Faraway LOOKS

John Jackson Miller
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Memphis mutts

When Kelly Campbell set his series in my hometown of Memphis, I knew I'd check it out. *Rooter* follows the title dog in his travels with snake Otis, parrot Zygo, and stripper Belle Love. (Belle, Jaka, Omaha, Hepcats' Erika — by the year 2000, half the women in indie comics wil be exotic dancers.)

There's some local flavor here, but Campbell's art style is what really took me back. His stark inks recall those of another funny-animal indie creator, the late Raoul Vezina. (Rooter's friend Muddy Walter could've walked straight out of a *Smilin' Ed* panel.) That's a compliment, and the style fits the subject matter.

Campbell's frenetic pacing often loses the reader, however. While he clearly enjoys drawing his cast in outlandish scenes, his set-ups don't always congeal, with too much left unsaid or off-panel. "The Boss" looms as the villain behind issues #1-3, for example, but we don't learn much about him. Publisher Custom Comics says a co-writer is joining Campbell with issue #4, so *Rooter* may fetch more laughs in the future.

(By the way, if anyone wants to set a series in fellow editor Brent Frankenhoff's hometown of Fennimore, Wis., he'd be glad to review it. Just don't count on too many local sales!)

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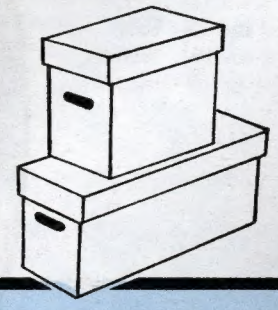

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